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LOCAL.

Schedule of Arrivals and Departures of Mails.

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LOCAL PAPERS.—The New York Times utters the following truthful sentiments:
"You might as well forget your churches and school-houses as to forget your local paper. It speaks ten times the audience your ministers do. It is read eagerly each week from the beginning to the end. It reaches you all, and if it has a lower spirit and less wisdom than a sermon, it has a thousand times better chance at you, going as it goes to almost every house. You owe it to yourself to rally liberally to its support, except from its able and high-grade character as you possess an interest in your mind, and it is your representative before the community. It is the communication of important, interesting and useful news in the neighborhood of your own home, and you cannot ignore it without seriously neglecting yourself."

STANDARD HOTEL IN CURTAIN.
The Standard Hotel in Asheville, N. C., was the subject of a recent extra session of the Superior Court, held in and for the County of Swain, concluding on Saturday, the 23rd Dec., the most important suit tried by the one involving a piece of land, at the present terminus of the Western N. C. R. R., on which the St. Bernard Hotel and other valuable property are located. The property in question has been in litigation for nearly two years. John W. D. Sprague and J. N. Pearson, the defendants, and K. Hawkins, the plaintiffs.

MR. KOPE ELLAS passed through last week en route to Tennessee. Mr. E. is prominently spoken of for the Solicitorship of this district, and should he be elected, would make a very attentive officer.

On New Year's eve, at the residence of Marion Clayton, Esq., on Cane creek, Mr. Jesse S. Williams was married to Miss Mollie V. Cooper, the Rev. Jos. Miller officiating. All of the parties are Buncombeites.

MR. BERRY, the efficient tax-collector of Macon county, paid into the State depository at this place, last week, the State taxes for that county for 1877, amounting to \$18,785.71. Macon is one of the best counties in the State, and Mr. Berry is a most popular officer.

The Raleigh *Observer* of the 2d says: Major Engelhard, Secretary of State, is sued on yesterday, sixty land grants of 28,000 acres of public lands in McDowell county, to Northern parties. From this it would seem that our waste places are soon to be filled up.

Mr. David M. Vance, son of the Governor and late his private secretary, has resigned the place and Mr. L. S. Overman, of Salisbury, succeeds him. Mr. Vance returns to Charlotte. Mr. Overman has been confidential clerk to the Governor for some time, and is one of the most accomplished gentlemen and efficient officers in the State.

Gen. Vance left Monday to resume his labors in Washington to-day. He enjoyed his Christmas among his constituents—he is not allowed to stay at home much—hearing their complaints and taking notes of their wants. One who labors so unceasingly for his people deserves the confidence and regard Gen. Vance receives.

The whole Hunt family must have gone to Raleigh on the 2nd inst. At the Yarbrough House we see among the arrivals on that day, W. L. Hunt, Mrs. W. L. Hunt, J. S. Hunt, J. P. Hunt, Miss Ella Hunt, Miss Laura Hunt. And at the National Hotel, same city, same day, M. J. Hunt, Mrs. F. J. Hunt, Miss Mary Hunt, C. M. Hunt, J. T. Hunt, P. M. Hunt, L. B. Hunt, Willie Hunt, Lillian Hunt, J. L. Hunt and Robert Hunt. We hope all enjoyed the City of Oaks.

SEVERE ILLNESS OF MR. S. M. BANKS.—We are truly pained to hear that this gentleman is now at the point of death in Richmond, to which place he went some three weeks ago for medical treatment. We learn his physician there thinks he cannot recover, and has notified Mrs. B., who has gone to be by his bedside. Our community suffers at the loss of such citizens as Mr. Banks, and Mr. Davidson. We sincerely trust a turn for the better may take place in the condition of Mr. Banks, and that he may be spared his family and friends.

NOTICE.—Persons having relatives or friends who have emigrated from the transmontane counties to the West or elsewhere, will confer a favor by sending us the names and postoffice address of all such as we wish to send them copies of our paper.

IN JAIL FOR THE MURDER OF JAMES LEFFORD.—Says the last Spartanburg Herald:
"John Henry Vernon, alias John F. Forester, is now in the County jail under indictment for the murder of James Lefford, at Landrum Station. Vernon was captured and incarcerated at Murphy, N. C. We hope that he will get justice."

CALIFORNIA.—While the California fever is raging, the Worcester *Press* gives the following encouraging account:
There is a place in California where oysters grow on trees, and the woods are made musical by the clatter of the shells as they are shut together to keep the sun out. This California story is repeated from memory, and we are not sure but we have slightly enlarged upon it.

WHAT CHARLOTTE WANTS.—The recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte passed resolutions asking Congress for \$300,000 for a post office, and to pass Gen. Vance's bill re-establishing the mint in that city, as a mint of coinage, &c. Both appeals should be favorably acted upon by Congress. Charlotte is a rapidly growing city, is far-reaching in her business interests, and deserves, by virtue of claims of real merit, the granting of these requests.

A PETRIFFIED BODY IN HENDERSONVILLE.—The Asheville correspondent of the Raleigh *Observer*, under recent date, gives the following information:
It is a fact not generally known that the cemetery of the Methodist Church in Hendersonville, N. C., contains a petrified human body. About the year 1836 Miss Adeline Byers lived with her father, Francis C. Byers, fifteen miles south of this place, in Henderson county. She was a bright, sweet girl, much beloved by all who knew her, and her hand was won by Win. Pinckney Murray, whom she had known long and well. Soon the nuptials were celebrated, and the bride and bridegroom at once set out in search of a new country, following the setting sun to the Mississippi Valley. Then they located and began the journey of life together in real earnest. Prosperity and happiness came to them, until at an unexpected moment death cut down Mrs. Murray in the very prime of life. The disconsolate widower, consigning the body of his deceased wife to the dust, as he supposed, sought "surcease of sorrow" in the wilds of Texas. A few years afterwards Dr. Josiah Johnston, intending to return to North Carolina whence he had removed with his brother-in-law, Mr. Murray, discovered the body of Mrs. Murray for the purpose of carrying it back with him. Imagine how amazed he was to find it in the coffin just as he had left it three years before! The same features—almost the very same expression! But what he saw was not flesh—it was solid stone. The whole body had petrified. In that condition he carried it to North Carolina and delivered it to the aged father, Mr. Byers, who could hardly doubt that his daughter had come to him unseen! The news spread that Adeline's body had been "turned into rock," and great was the desire of everybody to see it. Attempts were made, it is said, to steal it out of the cellar where the old gentleman had concealed it, but they were unsuccessful. All through the war it was guarded by the father as the most sacred trust, but few persons being allowed to see it. About six years ago, however, it was quietly buried in the Methodist Cemetery in Hendersonville.

GOV. VANCE'S PORTRAIT.—A very magnificent portrait of this justly loved statesman can be had by calling on W. S. Barnett, at his furniture warehouses on Main street. This picture is printed on good, heavy board paper, size 14x18 inches. Directly under the picture, in his own hand-writing, is "Very Truly Yours: Z. B. Vance." The engraving was executed by a skilled artist, at a very heavy expense, and is pronounced by all who have seen it to be an excellent likeness of our worthy Governor. It should find a place in the home of every good citizen in the "Tar Heel" State, and in the home of every citizen out of the State who wishes his cottage walls ornamented with the image of Carolina's noblest son. Will be delivered, neatly framed in walnut moulding, inside gilt, for only \$1.50, or without frame for 50 cents.

Besides these portraits, Mr. Barnett has a large, and, we think, the handsomest, variety of brackets, parlor ornaments, tables, stands, pictures, chronos and hundreds of such things as go to adorn and make cosy and comfortable a man's house. It is a treat to go to Barnett's, and the beauty of it all is, his goods are so unusually cheap. This accounts for his rapid sales. If a man has a few cents about him he is willing to add to the beauty and attractiveness of his house, and, above all, make it more agreeable to his best half, we advise him to go at once to Barnett's.

It is the only medicine I would give to my baby, a mother said, speaking of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. At all drug stores, 25 cents.

MARRIED.—At the residence of David Garren, Esq., in Buncombe county, on the 25th day of December, 1877, by Rev. D. B. Nelson, Mr. James M. Morgan and Miss Elizabeth H. Garren.

TOO THIN.—In the last Western *Courier* appears what purports to be a communication from Morganton, as follows:
"In selecting Judges, &c., for the transmontane district, does the law require the selections to be made from Buncombe? Are there no other counties having lawyers fit to be Judges? Is Buncombe the State? If so, let's move the Capitol there, and let her take the contract for running the government."
AN OLD FOGY.
Now we doubt if this ever saw Morganton until it was printed, for that section has no interest in who should be selected Judge for the "transmontane district," not being in the district. The people of the transmontane districts will be sure to select a man fitted for the office, without regard to his place of residence.

MR. B. FINCH.—This gentleman has been putting up some superior and beautiful cabinet-work at his shop, recently, in the shape of bureaus, bedsteads, book-cases, fancy wood-work, &c. Mr. F. is a splendid workman, asks only living prices, and we are glad is getting well patronized. Without fear of contradiction we assert Asheville can boast as good mechanics, in various and very many branches, as can be found in the large cities, and it is the duty of our people to sustain and patronize them. Mechanics and farmers are the material substance of every community. They produce and bring in, while the other "professions" merely consume and take away. Our people send money off for hundreds of things they could easily have made at home, and by so doing would be helping to sustain honest workmen and building up their home enterprises. When anything has to be made or bought, let our home people have first chance.

The Raleigh *Observer* says that the sheriffs, for some unknown cause, are further behind-hand this season in the settlement of their taxes than has been known for several years. The law requires a full settlement by the second Monday in January, and so far only eleven sheriffs have settled.
It is the scarcity of money in general circulation which causes the people to be behind with their taxes. The money is confined to the few, and will be so long as Congress will keep the resumption law hanging over the country, and so many people who can do so, avail themselves of every pretext not to pay debts, instead of keeping money in circulation by passing it around. The taxes in our State are not high, nor is the money wasted; but the legislation of Congress, favoring the rich speculation, gambling bondholders to the injury of the tax-payers, has brought about contraction, despondency, miserableness, dishonesty and fraud. Strike at the root of the evil; don't blame the people or the sheriffs!

GOOD CORN.—We have some samples of corn, of extraordinary quality, both of length of ears, size of grain and smallness of cob, grown by Mr. John A. Carter, at Democrat, this county. For the want of another name we call it the John A. Carter corn. We would like to see this corn introduced generally, and hope Mr. C. would sell a few bushels of it for seed, though he did not say that he would. Mr. C. is one of the best farmers in this state, and takes pride, as well as pains, to constantly improve his farm and productions. When he bought the place he is now on, some years ago, it was worn out, abused, and called "the poorest place in Buncombe." It is by no means so now, owing to its owner's energy and good judgment. Mr. C. has also developed into a superior tobacco raiser, and makes money on his crop every year. We wish we had a country full of such men.

POSTAL IRREGULARITIES.—While at Ivy, Madison county, last Friday we saw the mail from Buncombe arrive, and the *CITIZEN*, of December 20th, which should have reached that place the 23d, was taken from the bag, having been sent by way of Marion and Burnsville. We call Col. Fagg's attention to this, and hope no more such mistakes will occur.
Our friends at Stockville complain of provoking irregularity in getting the *CITIZEN*. We hope every failure will be reported. There is no reason for any, as the *CITIZEN* never fails to be mailed in time.

Scarlet Fever kills children, and so do worms. Shiner's Indian Vermifuge will destroy and expel worms wherever they exist in the human body.

SPEAK SOFTLY.
Speak softly, gently ever!
There is no wiser part;
For harsh words pierce like steel
The yearning, loving heart.
As gems reflect in brightness
Eye's fitting beam,
Let words reflect in kindness
Love's sunny, love-lit gleam.
Speak softly, gently ever!
There is no better plan—
For angry words can never
Effect what kind ones can.
For, oh! a soft word spoken
May move the stubborn soul,
That still would prove defiant
Should words in thunder roll,
Speak softly, gently ever!
Words breathing naught save love
And soon our blighted Eden
Will bloom as valleys above!
For faith and fond affection
In true love-knot entwined,
With firmer cords than temper'd steel
Each happier heart can bind.

CHANGE OF TERMS.—Rev. J. R. Long, President Asheville Female College, announces in a card in another column a change of terms in the tuition for the session beginning on the 17th inst.

THE WEATHER.—Since Joe Caldwell, of the Charlotte *Observer*, got married, he takes the liveliest interest in the weather, specially in the winter. He "goes out" frequently to watch it, and, hoping to fool somebody, has collected him an old goose bone, which takes him a considerable time to manipulate. He gives this as the last report:
"The goosebone says we are to have cold weather in January, the last of the month to be the coldest known for years. February will be a cold, blustering month, and winter will, without doubt, go a good way along with spring, carrying cold weather and snow into March. Those who take stock in the goosebone will lay in their fuel and keep plenty of warm clothing about the house."

THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—This order, which was organized in this place some eight months ago, we are gratified to say, is in a most prosperous condition. The brotherhood use the hall used by the Masons, and both bodies have recently united and had it handsomely fitted up and furnished with new carpet, lamps &c. It is now one of the neatest halls in the State.
The Knights combine many of the features of Masonry, with life insurance. Each member holds a policy on his life for \$2,000, and pays to the general fund one dollar upon the death of a member. Now the membership is so large that an assessment of one dollar each, raises a fund large enough to pay 20 policies, and therefore no assessment is made so long as any fund is on hand. This (Swannanoa) Lodge has only been assessed six times in over eight months, which makes a very safe, and certainly a very cheap insurance. We are glad the order is growing, and hope it may continue to do so. It is now represented in almost every State and Territory in the Union.

Asheville Market.
REPORTED BY L. CHAPMAN,
Commission Merchant, Asheville, N. C.
Asheville, N. C., Jan. 10, 1878.
Wheat, \$1 00 to \$1 10 per bushel.
Corn—50c per bushel.
Corn Meal, 50c per bushel.
Rye Meal, 50 " "
Sheaf 6.25—15 2-8c per dozen.
Wheat Flour, \$1.00 per cwt.
Flour, \$2.50—3.00 per bag.
Bacon, hog round, 9c.
Hams, 15 cts per lb. None in market.
Middling Bacon, 15 c. "
Butter 15 to 20c per lb.
Chickens, 10 to 12c cts.
Eggs, 20 cents per dozen.
Maple Sugar, 16c per lb.
Stuffed Beef, 4 to 5c.
Dried Apples, 80c per bushel.
Lard, 15c.
Feathers, live geese 40c.
Wool, 50c per lb.
Cabbage, 1c per lb.
Fresh Potatoes, 40 to 50 cts per bushel.
Sweet potatoes, 9c do
Green Apples, 25 to 50 do
Chestnuts, 70c do
Pork, net 6c.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
CHANGE OF TERMS.
At the opening of the next session of Asheville Female College, **January 17th, 1878**, pupils in Primary Department will only be charged \$2.00, and those in the Intermediate \$2.50, per month, from time of entrance to the close of the term.
Contingent fee \$2, or a cord of wood. Other charges as given in our advertisement in this paper.
J. R. LONG,
President.

AGENTS—TREES.
We can employ a few more Agents this season to sell our Fruit Trees and other Nursery Stock. We can give steady employment and a liberal commission to men of energy and ability. Satisfactory references as to honesty and business capacity must be given; also a bond for faithful performance of duty. Applicants will please state age and previous occupation.
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