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LOCAL.

Some of our subscribers at the Asheville post-office will receive their bills this week. We hope they will respond at once.

We see by the Raleigh press that Capt. M. E. Carter is quartered at the Yarbrough.

Mr. Davis, the member from Haywood, left here Monday morning for Raleigh.

"Peachtree" and "Hanging Dog" are the names of two post-offices recently established in Cherokee County.

There is much irregularity of the mails now, owing to the condition of the roads and the cold weather of the past week.

Our townsman Mr. E. Sluder, who has been confined to his house for the past month by sickness, is improving, and will soon, we hope, be on the streets again.

We hope there will be no scarcity of ice in this section next summer. Last summer the ice supply did not last half the season, and ice was brought from Charlotte at a heavy cost.

A gentleman from Massachusetts, now a resident of Asheville, said, on Friday last (while the thermometer was fluctuating at zero), that he could not see much of the "sunny South."

Capt. Leatherwood, representative elect from Jackson County, accompanied by his lady, passed through here Sunday morning en route to Raleigh. The Legislature convened yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. Mitchell, of the Baptist Church in this place, left Monday for a month's recreation. He will visit Murrenberg, his old home, and other sections of the East. His pulpit will be filled on Sunday next by the Rev. Mr. Connally.

We saw a man on Saturday who had "swor d off" on the first of the month, who declared he'd - hic - observe his oath until next - hic - new year, or he'd die in the - hic - attempt. He went home under the blissful illusion that he was strictly observing his "swor d off."

Col. A. T. Davidson, Col. Wallace Rollins, Gen. Robert Henry, Col. R. W. Pulliam, Capt. Thomas W. Patton and Gen. M. Roberts, Esq., have gone to Raleigh, having been subpoenaed as witnesses in the trial of Geo. W. Swipson, which takes place before Wake Superior Court this week. Swipson is charged with having fraudulently obtained \$4,000,000 from the State.

A HANDSOME HEARSE.—Mr. W. S. Barnett has just received a handsome new hearse, a new thing in this section, and though none of us like the idea of riding in one of them, it is a convenient thing to have in a community, as Mrs. Toodles would say. It is at the service of the public.

WEAVERVILLE COLLEGE.—We are pleased to learn that the present session of Weaverville College is well attended, there having been the rise of seventy-five matriculates during the session. The spring session of the college will begin in February.

LARGE HOGS.—Capt. Nell, writing us from Yancey, says his county is ahead of heavy hogs. Mr. John Young, living two miles from Burnsville, having killed one weighing 715 pounds net, it being about twenty months old. We were advised, a few days since, of one being killed in Buncombe netting 678 pounds, but we yield the palm to Yancey.

DR. SALMON'S LECTURE.—On our second page will be found the admirable lecture of Dr. Salmon on the subject of diseases in animals, which was delivered in Raleigh last fall before the State Agricultural Society. Dr. S., who is at present a resident of Buncombe, is a veterinary surgeon of national reputation, and his lecture will well repay perusal.

AT HIS OLD STAND.—Mr. R. G. Finch, Cabinet Maker, can again be found at his old stand on Haywood St., where he is prepared to do all manner of work in his line at the shortest possible notice and at the most reasonable prices. He will make coffins in six hours' notice, and will attend calls in this line at any hour of the night. Give him a trial.

REMOVAL.—Messrs. Staples & Brevard have moved their goods to the stand formerly occupied by J. E. Ray, three doors south from the corner of Patton Avenue and Main Street, where they wish to see all their old patrons and have them endorse their former generous patronage.

BELOW ZERO.—On Friday night last the thermometer in this place reached 1 degree below zero, accompanied by a keen northern wind, which made the night one of the most intensely cold and disagreeable we have had for several years; for, while the thermometer was lower in the winter of 1866-67, the cold was not felt so keenly.

A HIGH SCHOOL AT FRANKLIN.—A correspondent of the *Holston Methodist*, writing from Franklin, Macon County, under recent date, says:—

"Another matter of local importance is a high school at Franklin. We understand that the trustees have accepted Mr. B. E. Atkins' proposition, and expect to secure his services. Mr. Atkins has a commendable reputation as a scholar and teacher and as a Christian gentleman. We hope the people in this county will take hold of this matter with vim and earnestness. There is no country we know of that needs developing more than this—materially, intellectually and religiously. A good school would be a great helper in this direction."

THE CONCERT OF THE BEAR WALLOW CHOIR.—Notwithstanding the bitter cold of last Friday night, the occasion of the concert in the Court House in this place by the Bear Wallow Church Choir, under the direction of Prof. Chase, the crowd in attendance was quite fair. The concert was exceedingly good, "ye old folk" singers being deserving of especial praise for the excellent manner in which all the pieces were rendered. We only regret that the weather should not have been more favorable, in order that they should have been favored with a better house. We hope to see them again in our midst at some other time, when they shall not have to combat such ill weather.

The Goldsboro Messenger has the following to say of two persons well known in this locality:—

"Mr. Chapman's excellent school for young ladies in this town, resumed its session on Monday last. It is a most excellent boarding and day school, and recommends itself to parents throughout Eastern North Carolina having daughters to educate."

"We regret to learn that Mr. Rufus Morgan will leave us in a few days for San Diego, California. During his residence here Mr. Morgan has established a reputation for intelligence, energy, honorable dealing and business capacity of which any one might well be proud, and leaves with the good wishes of our entire community. We hope he will find his most sanguine anticipations fully realized in his new home, and may find as warm friends as he leaves behind him."

THE CONVENTION OF NORTHERN SETTLERS.—The *Charlotte Observer* says that Mr. Dumont is greatly encouraged at the prospects of having a good attendance at the convention of Northern settlers to be held in that place on the 15th inst. The railroads, many of them, will carry these visitors free, whilst others will pass them for one fare; and Mr. D. has assurances that a hundred will be in attendance. A great many have written him, giving their views of men and things in the sections in which they have located. The Northern gentlemen located in this place have received circular invitations to attend the convention, and whilst we have heard of none who intend going, several have replied by letter, and we are confident these letters will do no discredit to the generous hand that is extended to all who choose to make their homes in our midst.

We look upon this meeting, devised and carried out by Northern settlers in the South, as being the best means of refuting the wilful and slanderous stories that are told of the manner in which our Northern friends are treated when they settle amongst us.

The *Charlotte Observer* says:—"We are requested by Mr. Dumont to say, and do so in this connection, that those who propose to attend the convention will apply to him as early as practicable for transportation, in order that he may make arrangements for them according to the rates given by the several railroads."

What it Will Do.
Messrs. Sanford, Chamberlain & Albers:
I have been suffering for the past eight or nine years with an affection of the liver and kidneys. At times I was compelled to take my bed, so intense was my suffering. I tried almost every medicine recommended for my disease without even temporary relief. I was finally induced to try your *Hart's Anti-Billious Discovery* and, after continuing its use for a time, was fully restored to health, and am now able to do a full day's work in my farm. Respectfully,
LEVI McLOUD,
7th District, Knox County.

CHRISTMAS IN WAYNESVILLE.—Our Waynesville correspondent, under recent date, gives us the following items:

The good people of our little burg had a real nice time during Christmas holidays. Our three Sabbath Schools, Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist, in the order named, each made happy all their little people by presenting many and beautiful gifts. Mr. W. F. Gleason, an enterprising public-spirited and valued citizen, located among us from the North, as Superintendent of the Episcopal school, aided by his accomplished wife and other worthy members of his flock, are entitled to boundless praise for a substantial and elegant repast given to the school and a number of fortunate guests. Santa Claus in "propria persona" made his appearance for the first time in our midst, and made lots of fun for all of us, and especially gladdened the scholars by presenting them with all sorts of valuable gifts.

The Baptist Sabbath School should have been named first in the order of proceedings. It was managed well by Sup't L. M. Welch and its pastor, Rev. Mr. Allison. Many poor little ones will long remember that Christmas Eve and the X-Mas-Tree, beautifully decorated and well laden, as it was, with mementoes of affection, from teachers to pupils, and vice versa, from pupils to teachers, officers and pastor. Mr. Sam Herren was the orator of the occasion, and right well did he acquit himself, and gratefully as well as instruct his hearers.

Christmas night the Southern Methodist Sunday School brought up the rear in these things. Sup't S. J. Shelton presided with his usual equanimity and success. Our townsman, Judge J. C. L. Gudder, delivered a sensible, practical and appropriate address. The tree was beautiful, and literally loaded down with presents. It was made to revolve upon its perpendicular axis, thus exhibiting to all in the house the ripened fruit, so soon to be garnered in so many happy homes by the anxious and expectant throng of little folks.

Taken altogether, it was a grand success with all our schools, and all concerned deserve praise and congratulation. We hope all other towns did as well. Wishing you and your readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and many returns of the same, we close this scribble, written not exactly "Midst the wreck of matter and crush of worlds," but with four noisy brats kicking and howling and slaming doors, with the thermometer at zero.
Yours truly,
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Messrs. Weddin & Bailey sent out a wagon load of passengers Monday morning composed of the following dignitaries and others:—Gen. Bob Vance and Postmaster Fagg en route to Washington; Dr. Sam'l Love, State Auditor, Gen. Robert Henry and Mr. Davis, member from Haywood, on their way to Raleigh; and the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of the Asheville Baptist Church, off for a visit to his friends in Eastern Carolina. The "weightiness" of the party caused the wagon to break down a few miles out of the city. No damage was done, however, other than a detention in the cold for a few hours. P. M. Fagg goes to Washington looking after the retention of his place as postmaster at Asheville, his present term expiring the 21st inst. A strong fight will be made to oust him. May the d—l take the hindmost.

DEATH FROM INANITION AND EXPOSURE.—On Friday afternoon last Jacob Nash, an aged darkey living beneath the saloon of Messrs. Moore & Jones, died from inanition and continued exposure to the cold. The old man moved here some few years ago from Tennessee, and has, it seems, been for some time eking out a precarious living at slopemaking, his age preventing him from doing much. Lately he had been combating the cold weather without a sufficiency to keep the inner man supplied, with but little clothing, either for his person or his bed, and doubtless with but little wood, and when discovered on Friday last (when the thermometer was down about zero) his condition was such as to render medical aid unavailing. Jacob was above seventy years of age, and claimed to have been a body servant of General Stonewall Jackson during the late war up to the time of the latter's death, and also to have been in the Mexican War. We have no means of knowing whether this be true or not, but certain it is that he was quite intimate with Gen. Jackson's war record.

AIN'T HE MISTAKEN?—A correspondent of the *Raleigh Observer*, signing himself "French Broad," says there is not a hundred Vance men (for the Membership) in Buncombe County. Don't he tell a, a—mistake?

REMOVAL.—Removed from our old stand to the 3d door from the corner of Patton Avenue and Main Street, the stand formerly occupied by J. E. Ray, where we would be pleased to have our old customers call and continue their former generous patronage.
STAPLES & BREVARD.

LOOKING AFTER THE TOBACCO INTERESTS IN THIS SECTION.—MARKET REPORTS FOR THE CITIZEN.—We have had the pleasure this week of a call from Mr. Mosby H. Payne, of the firm of Lee, Taylor & Payne, leaf tobacco commission merchants of Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. Payne is visiting this section in the interest of his house, looking after the tobacco crops of this, Madison and the adjoining counties, and we were glad to hear him speak so encouragingly of the awakening interest in this crop in our midst. Madison has already become quite a heavy grower, and Mr. Payne is of the opinion that a splendid future awaits this section in the growth of this staple. The bulk of the tobacco grown here has already been going to the Lynchburg market, Messrs. Lee, Taylor & Payne handling the larger portion of it; and under the recent reduction in freights on the route via Henry's to Lynchburg, that market will doubtless draw still more to it. Messrs. Lee, Taylor & Payne sell daily at three of the most prominent warehouses in Lynchburg, thus giving consignors the benefit of the whole market. In a circular from this house to the trade, they say that owing to the unsettled condition of the tobacco tax and the general depression of trade throughout the commercial world they cannot reasonably expect very high or fancy prices the coming season and they add the following information as the best mode of preparing tobacco for that market:—

First.—Strip your tobacco when in soft order, that it may not break and have a rough appearance; sort well according to size, quality and color; tie neatly in small bundles; wrap the heads short and tight.
Second.—Before packing in box or tierce, be careful to order well, not too soft to bruise or mould, nor too dry to break. No working or bright tobacco should be pressed hard; all wrappers, large or small, should be neatly packed and very lightly pressed, so the leaves will open out free and easy.
Third.—Make your parcels as large as possible; Warehouse duty on piles of less than 100 pounds as much as on 100 pounds, and, besides, small piles are not so attractive to buyers, nor so much sought after as larger ones.

We have effected arrangements with this firm by which we shall, after a week or two, give weekly corrected reports of the Lynchburg tobacco market, which we know will be of interest to large numbers of our readers.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS have been in session since Monday morning, engaged in much routine business of a general unimportant character, such as auditing claims, etc. The officers of the county filed their bonds for the present year, which were accepted. The failure to hold a meeting in December threw much business on this session.

ANCIENT MARRIAGES.—It is never too late to love. So it would seem. A marriage license was issued a few days since from the Register's office, in this place, for a negro man and woman aged respectively 70 and 67. It is not said whether the course of true love in their case ran smooth or not, but we suppose it did. We would poetize the occasion, but have loaned our poetry book to a young man himself matrimonially inclined.

ANOTHER LICENSE WAS ISSUED to a white couple, the groom claiming 70 years and the bride 40.

THE PURCHASE TAX OF ASHEVILLE.—The purchase tax of Asheville for the six months ending December 31st ult. was collected last week, showing a handsome increase over any previous six months. The merchants gave in as having purchased during that time \$119,000, against \$67,000 for the first six months of the year, or an increase of \$51,000; and an increase of \$31,000 over the last six months of 1877. The footing for the year 1878 shows an increase of \$85,000 over the purchases in 1877, or an increase of about 60 per cent.
A NORTH CAROLINIAN IN NEW YORK.—We invite attention to the card elsewhere of Mr. Wm. B. Mears, Jr., who is connected with the house of Messrs. Edwin Bates & Co., manufacturers and jobbers of clothing, 466 and 468 Broadway, New York, whose facilities for doing business are unsurpassed by any other similar house in that city. Mr. Mears is a North Carolinian, and has been for the past seven years connected with the house of Messrs. Shipley, Roane & Co., of Baltimore. The members of the firm of Edwin Bates & Co. are all Southern men, having moved from Charleston, S. C., and all the goods of the firm are manufactured for the South.
Buy your Dixie and Watt plow points, cheap, at VanGilder & Hannon's.

A SILVER CORNET BAND IN ASHEVILLE.—It is more than probable that Asheville will soon have a first-class silver cornet band, composed of a number of the best young men in the city and embracing in its numbers some positive musical talent. A subscription paper has been in circulation for several days, and we learn nearly enough of the needful has already been raised to purchase the instruments. This is something greatly needed in our midst and we hope the young gentlemen who have taken hold of it will not falter in the work.

THE ORATORIO OF ESTHER.—On Tuesday night the vocal class of Prof. Chase rendered this beautiful oratorio at the Court House, to a large audience, and to say that the performance was good throughout, giving entire satisfaction to the audience, would be only to render justice to those who took part in it and to award to Prof. Chase that meed of praise due him for the admirable and successful manner in which he arranges his concerts and trains his performers. It was one of the best things we have ever seen on the Asheville boards, and the splendid costumes which had been obtained from Wilmington for the occasion added no little to the entertainment. We should like to speak specially of some of the performances, but cannot do so without being invidious, where all done so well, and most forbear.

The general pleasure of the occasion was contributed to in no small degree by the piano accompaniment, Miss Ida Roberts performing, her delicacy of touch and expression rendering her music exceedingly pleasant to the ear. The oratorio was introduced by Prof. S. F. Venable, who gave a general history of the scenes transpiring around King Ahasuerus' throne at the time that Haman was conspiring against the Jews and for the death of Mordecai.

The concert is to be repeated this (Thursday) evening, with a change of several of the leading characters, and we trust it will be greeted by a full house. It richly deserves such recognition, and our native talent should be encouraged in this laudable effort to instruct and interest our people in the love of the beautiful.

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Will Not be Excelled!

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Furniture of all Kinds Repaired and Chairs Caned.

RED LEADS made and sold at from \$2.00 up.
WARDROBES, WASH STANDS, CHAMBER SUITS (either Marble Top, Oil Finished or Var-nished), at prices that cannot and shall not be excelled. Parties having furniture wanting repairing, if not too small a job, by sending orders through postal cards, will be called on.

COFFINS

Made in six hours' notice. Will attend calls at any hour of the night. Such orders will receive prompt attention. Lumber and country produce taken in exchange for work. Give me a trial and you shall be satisfied.

Jan 9 1y R. C. FINCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

SCHOOL.
THE exercises of my school will be resumed Monday, the 6th of January, inst.

TERMS made known on enquiry. STEPHEN LEE, Dec. 23, 1878, Jan 2 3t.

HOUSE TO RENT.

I WISH to rent for the year my HOUSE located on the Beaver Dam Road, five miles out from the Court House. The house contains 8 large and good rooms, with a 2 acres of arable land attached. Would prefer renting 5 rooms until the spring, when the entire house would be rented, if desired. Water convenient, and every convenience attached to the premises. Will be rented cheap.
Jan 6
Mrs. S. E. BARKS.