SPIRITS TURPENTINE

-The new cotton mill at Mt. Airy will begin operations December 10th. -Clarkton Express: The Bank of Bladen, so we are informed, will open for business next Tuesday, the 4th of December.

-Lumberton Robesonian:: At last Fayetteville has broken away from the old rule and will soon have the long distant telephone service established. The mayor's vote did the trick.

-Clarkton Express: The hunters at Council had killed fifteen deer ap to last night. It is said that they are not as numerous as last year, a great many having died with disease during the past summer.

-Sampson Democrat: The largest tree we know anything about in these parts is a red oak standing in the yard of the home of David W. Murphy, of Taylor's Bridge. Three feet above the ground it measures 21 feet in circumference.

-Kinston, N. C., Nov. 29.-Col. N. B. Whitfield received a message yesterday from Tallahassee, Fla., announcing the death of his brother, Judge R. A. Whitfield, which occurred in that city early Wednesday morning. Judge Whitfield was 77 years of age and was a native of this county.

-Weldon, N. C., Nov. 29.-The brick ginnery of Major T. L. Emory, at the fair grounds, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, together with all the machinery and one bale of cotton which was in the press which there was no insurance.

-Duplin Journal: Mr. Henry Wade, aged about 85 years, died suddenly of heart failure at his home near Friedskip Church on last Thursday 22nd He had never married and his nephew James Wade was living with him, who had left the house for a short time and on returning found his uncle on the floor dead, having died without any struggling. Mr. Wade was a good man and his frieds and neighbors regret his death.

-Sampson Democrat: Timber folks keep right on surveying routes for a railroad through Sampson county, and papers throughout the state are having their say over the matter. We hope it may materialize into a standard gauge chartered road. Whether the timber people build it or not, Sampson, with her abundant resources, will have more railroads one of these days, and then we will go booming.

-Burgaw Chronicle: One night last week the value of the county blood hounds were tested, when it was found out that somebody had broken into Mr. G. W. Horsey's residence. The dogs were given the scent in the house and kept the trail without a brake to the home of John Holmes, colered, about one mile and a half from town, and then singled him out from among the family. They passed several other negroes on the road but paid no attention to them. Only for the kind heart of Mr. Horsey who had pity on his dependent family John would no doubt be in jail now awaiting his trial at the next term of court. Mr. Horsey says he can certainly recommend the dogs for they did as good work as he ever saw. This should be a warning to others, that our Pender county blood hounds will run the criminal down and point him out.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 29.—Philip Hedrick, who has been eight days on trial for his life, was acquitted this afternoon at 12:20, after the jury has deliberated fifteen hours. The verdict was received with great applause. Judge Ferguson ordered the arrest of anyone detected applauding further. The friends and relatives of Hedrick crowded around him and some fell on his neck and wept. Judge Ferguson said that up to this time he had not meant to express any opinion, but now that the man was entitled to his liberty, he wanted to say if the verdict was rendered in accordance with the speeches of the defense, which placed the unwritten law above the statutory law, a great mistake has been made. He said: "I suppose you did it for this reason; for I have not taken the plea of self-denfense and temporary insanity seriously." He added that such verdicts did society a great injury. Solicitor Hammer, before Hedrick was discharged moved that he be examined as to his sanity, but Hedrick was sllowed to go home. Mrs. Hedrick has left the city. It is generally thought that she feared indictment for conspiracy.

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