

THE YADKIN VALLEY NEWS.

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The sickness of the Editor accounts for the lack of editorial matter in this issue.

"Coin's Financial School" is being more extensively read than any book of the decade.

Trying to Get up a Political Excitement.

Atlanta, Ga., May 23.—A representative of the Journal, at Houston, wires that the visit of General Schofield has developed a political excitement.

South Carolina Registration Laws.

That these laws operated to deprive more colored than white voters of the right to vote is true.

How Rich Men Avoid Paying Tax.

The rich pay no taxes, if George Gould tells the truth about them.

Does "refrain" reform?

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The Vance Monument—Col. Cowles' Speech.

The patriotic and eloquent speech of Col. W. H. H. Cowles at the unveiling on Monday, and the action of the Surry county Alliance, encourage the hope that early and earnest action will be taken to erect a monument to commemorate the greatness of the late Senator Vance.

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DEATH OF JUDGE GRESHAM.

Washington, May 28.—Secretary of State Walter Q. Gresham died here this morning at 1:15 o'clock.

Mr. Gresham passed a comparatively easy day yesterday until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Then he collapsed suddenly, and his physician, Dr. Johnson, who has been constantly in attendance throughout the night and day, began to administer hypodermic doses of whiskey.

The Secretary had been suffering from indigestion and from a succession of colds.

Dr. W. W. Johnson, the physician who has been in daily attendance on Secretary Gresham, gave out the following statement last night:

"Mr. Gresham's illness has been acute pleurisy with effusion, beginning on May 1st. From May 13th his condition was entirely favorable and his speedy recovery was confidently expected. On May 25th, symptoms of relapse appeared, due to the development of acute pneumonia. His present alarming condition is due to weakness of the heart's action and there seems to be little or no hope of his recovery."

THE END.

Secretary Gresham died at 1:15 o'clock.

No death could be more quiet, more calm, or more peaceful. For two hours preceding the dissolution there had been no indication of either a pulse or a heartbeat. He lay during that time with his head resting on the arms of his daughter, Mrs. Andrews, while his devoted wife sat by his side, his hands crossing hers, his face so turned that his last conscious gaze should rest upon her.

And so the minutes dragged slowly on till the end came. He was conscious to the last.

He suffered greatly during the preceding 48 hours, after the pneumonia symptoms were complicated with his other diseases, and was only temporarily relieved by frequent hypodermic injections.

But as the end approached the suffering disappeared and he passed away as quietly as a tired child sinking to slumber in the arms of his mother.

Arrangements for his funeral will be made after Mr. Otto Gresham, son of the deceased, shall arrive in Washington this morning from Chicago.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

One Job that the Democratic State Printer Charged \$31.88 For, This Year Cost Under Former Prices, \$109.51.

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But in this piece of the wash, along with a lot of others, the guaranteed reform cleansing powder failed to come up to the test.

In fact there are unmistakable dirty finger prints on the sheets.

With all the righteous blowing of the bewhiskered cyclone, the printing contract was denounced.

And the contract was "reduced" in the way so many of these reductions were made.

The first piece of work done for the Railroad Commission by the new State printer, the Stewart Brothers, was the printing of a letter-book of twenty pages, the "Annual Statement of Property Listed for Assessment and Taxation" by the different railroads of the State. These little pink and yellow volumes are bound in simple board, and it is hard to see where they can cost so much.

The Commission received the bill for these 115 copies, and the charge was \$109.51 not including ruling, some ten or twenty dollars more perhaps.

Last year 125 of these same blank-books, bound in just as good style and just as well printed cost them entire \$31.88. Edwards & Broughton printed them last year.

This year about \$109.51; last year \$31.88. The men who examine this work and certify that it is according to contract are Messrs. James C. Birdsong and C. E. Harward, of this city, the former is an employee of Edwards & Broughton, the latter of E. M. Uzzell.

Birdsong represents the State Auditor and Harward the printer. They are reputable gentlemen and their certification are taken as correct by the State Auditor.

The job has cost the State over three times as much under the "reform" contract as it has under Democratic rule.

It is said that Stewart could not print the "tax list sheets" for assessments of property and had to have them printed in Richmond. It is understood that Stewart acknowledged having had three printed in Virginia. The printing cost probably \$1,000.

And this takes a thousand dollars out of the pockets of the laboring men of North Carolina and goes to enrich the printers of another State.

And this is reform.—Raleigh News-Observer.

Everyone is going to the concert Friday night next, May 31st.

Don't fail to see the grandest concert ever produced by home talent in Mount Airy, next Friday night, May 31st.

The Mount Airy Minstrels will form a leading feature of Friday evening's entertainment.

I have a good mowing machine which I wish to exchange for a good milk cow.

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THE N. C. WOMAN SOLDIER.

Enlisted and Served With Her Husband in the Command of Col. Vance.

I read the letter of Capt. Tuttle on the 26th North Carolina regiment in the Journal and was glad he brought to light a long slumbering piece of romance in the matter of the woman soldier.

The woman soldier was discharged just about 35 years ago at Kingston, after the capture of Newbern by General Burnside and just before the army was concentrated around Richmond for the great seven days engagement.

The circumstances were patriotic as well as romantic. As related to me then and as I remember them now, they were thus: Volunteer was rife throughout the State and the mountains were ablaze with enthusiasm.

A couple, not long married, lived by themselves in some mountain cove near Grandfather mountain.

The husband went to town one day and found everybody was going off to war. He took the martial spirit and enlisted at once. On going home to prepare for his departure for the tented field a difficulty presented itself when he informed his wife of his belated intention. "What is to become of me?" said the woman. Stay here and do the best you can, was his answer. "But I won't stay here by myself while you are gone," she replied. "If you go to the war, I am going too."

Then the plan was made between them that she should cut her hair short, put on a suit of her husband's clothes, go with him to the recruiting station and enlist under an assumed name. Her name in camp was Joe, but what else I never heard. In the regiment Joe and the husband were looked upon as a couple of mountain boys well acquainted and fond of each other.

On the 15th of April, 1862, the husband had to undergo a medical examination and was found to be physically unfit for military service and was discharged.

Here was a dilemma: Joe in the army and her husband out. What would he do at home by himself and his wife off to the war? There appeared to be but one thing to do, and that was to confess the deception and obtain her discharge which would necessarily follow. Accordingly the next morning she went to the Colonel's quarters—and the Colonel was Z. F. Vance of blessed memory.

"Colonel, I want to go home," said Joe, after the accustomed salutation.

"Well, Joe," said the Colonel, "I suppose a good many of us would like to go home; but just now we are needed somewhere else."

"But, Colonel, I ain't no man."

"No, Joe, but you soon will be—and a brave one no doubt."

"No, sir, I won't," Joe replied, "I am a woman."

"The d—l you say," said Col. Vance, surprised and amused at the complete defeat of his proposal.

"Here doctor," he called to the surgeon of the regiment, "here is a case for you."

Joe had only to unbutton his jacket to establish the fact that "he" was a woman, and he was honorably discharged.

Joe had a good reputation for soldierly conduct and was thought to be a little bit the best cook in the regiment. His make of biscuits was so fine that he was often called upon to cook when it was not legitimately his turn; but no suspicion ever arose as to his lack of manhood.

The two returned to their mountain home with the distinction of not only probably having been the only woman enlisted in the army, but also likely the only entire family that ever volunteered for military service.

I give this as it was given to me by Capt. Plin Horton, of Wilkes county.

T. D. CARAWAY.

Frost in Fifteen States.

There was frost in fifteen states in the northwest Tuesday morning.

The temperature fell to 28 degrees in the grape belt in Ohio and the crop is ruined.

Reports from the western section of Michigan indicate that the freeze was the hardest of the present cold wave.

The dispatches say that all fruits and vegetables which survived the previous frosts are now ruined completely.

Unfavorable Reports From the Crops.

Raleigh, May 27.—The State crop report issued this afternoon, for the week ending to-day says but little progress has been made either in farm work or in the growth of crops.

The rainfall was apparently not generally excessive, but the ground is so soaked that a small amount of rain makes it too wet to plow.

Frost on the 23rd did but slight damage anywhere. Dugs are doing immense amount of damage to corn, potatoes, tobacco and gardens.

SEVERAL SEVERE SHOCKS.

Houses Wrecked and Inhabitants Buried by an Earthquake.

St. Petersburg, May 27.—A severe shock of earthquake was experienced in the village of Agikent in the district of Baku yesterday. Ninety-five houses were wrecked and many of the inhabitants were buried in the ruins.

Zanzibar, May 27.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt at Membaasa yesterday, but no great damage was done. The shock was also felt in the town of Malindi, where several houses were destroyed.

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ELKIN DEPARTMENT.

WALTER BELL, MANAGER.

ELKIN, N. C., May 27th, 1895.

Capt. C. P. Andrews of Ronda, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Cora Reece of Crutchfield is visiting Mrs. J. S. Roth.

Mr. G. L. Park is at home from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. A. H. Kapp and wife of Kapp's Mill were in town Thursday.

Miss L. L. and Lizzie Harris are visiting relatives at Roaring River.

Mr. H. F. McDaniel of New Orleans is visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. J. S. Roth left today for Virginia in the interest of the Chat ham Mfg Co.

Messrs. R. L. and W. T. Pondermaster made a business trip to Winston last week.

Miss Bertha Bell attended the closing exercises of the Yadkinville Normal school this week.

Mr. A. J. Dinkins of Mt. Airy is now holding down a case in the Times office in this city.

Dr. J. W. Ring was exhibiting a strawberry last week that measured 5 1-4 inches in circumference.

Rev. W. A. Lutz of Winston, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

Miss Beatrice Smith of Sparta passed through town Friday on her way to Salem Female Academy commencement.

Several of Elkin's citizens attended the closing exercises of Boonville High school last week. They report a pleasant time.

Messrs. Cora Cowles of Wilkesboro and Clyde Worth of Creston are visiting at Mr. T. J. Lillard's and Mrs. J. S. Penn's.

The Maple Springs Sunday school celebrated Childrens Day yesterday. Mr. J. F. Hendren made an address to the Sunday school.

Miss Shirley Pegram attended the closing exercises of the State Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro last week.

Mrs. Almada Brown and daughter of Athens Ga., and Col. H. C. Hampton, of Copeland N. C. are visiting Mrs. J. A. Scroggs at Jonesville.

Rev. S. M. Brown of Kansas City Mo., boarded the train here last week for home. He had been visiting relatives in Yadkin county.

Mr. N. V. Poindexter and family moved to Elk Creek, Va., this week where they will live in the future. We regret to give up these good people.

The tender of the engine of the west bound mail train jumped the track near Rockford one day last week. The train was delayed about one hour.

Mr. W. J. Harris of this place was married last week to Miss Julia Wood of Norwood. They arrived here Saturday and are boarding at Dr. R. W. Reece's.

Rev. J. H. Weaver of Greensboro was in town Friday on his way home from Trap Hill where he preached the sermon at the closing exercises of Fairview College.

Mr. Hugh G. Chatham attended the meeting of the Board of trustees of the State Normal school at Greensboro last week, he being one of the directors of that school.

Misses Maud and Benah Fields who attended the State Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro last session were in town Friday on their way to their home at Sparta.

Messrs. Alex Chatham, R. L. Hubbard and R. M. Chatham went on a fishing excursion on the mountains last week. They report plenty of trout in the waters near the Roaring Gap Hotel.

Miss Sallie Richardson, formerly of this place but now of Winston, was among the graduates at the Salem Academy Scholarship.

Mr. O. S. Woody, who has been running as mail agent between Greensboro and Wilkesboro, has been transferred to the run between Washington and Charlotte and Mr. C. A. Sink of Norwood has been sent to this route.

Rev. R. T. N. Stephenson, member of the W. N. C. Conference and stationed at Farmington, Davie county, preached the funeral of the late Rev. W. B. Woodruff, a Baptist minister at Island Ford church near here yesterday. A large crowd was present and the sermon is highly spoken of. Mr. Stephenson occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church here last night. He is a fine preacher and his discourse was an able one. He was on the Elkin circuit more than twenty years ago.

The closing exercises of Elkin Academy will take place June 11 and 12th. The Ciceronian and Aurora Societies will hold forth the first night. R. L. Barker is President and W. F. Masten, Secretary, of the first named societies. Will M. Bell is chief marshal of the boys and Miss Mamie Murray lady manager of the girls' society. There will be a debate on the following question, Resolved that Pride and Ambition has caused more suffering than Intemperance. The following young gentlemen are the speakers: affirmative Ralph Lutz Barker and William Oscar Gilbert, Negative, William Maurice Bell and Theodore Alexander Harris. A general concert by the entire school will be given on the night of the 12th.

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Mr. Wm. M. Wilson, Fullman, W. Va.

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A scrofulous or catarrhal condition of the intestines is often the prime cause of chronic diarrhoea, and when the tissues are built up and healed by the pure blood made by Hood's Sarsaparilla, a cure is effected. I found relief after taking the first bottle and feel better than I have for years. WILLIAM M. WILSON, Fullman, West Virginia.

Severe Pains in the Back of my head and also in my side. I was treated by two leading physicians, but found no relief. I was advised by friends to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I commenced taking the medicine last May and have taken over seven bottles and now feel better than I have for years. WILLIAM M. WILSON, Fullman, West Virginia.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, assist digestion, prevent constipation.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS.

WHITE PLAINS NEWS.

The fruit crop in this neighborhood is fine.

Messrs. J. S. & S. E. Marshall are still making the best wagons on the market.

Mr. Banner Simpson, of Pilot Mountain, has moved to our village and put up a grocery store. When in need of such goods give him a call.

The Sabbath School entertainment at the Friend's church, on May 26th, was quite interesting. The first on the programme was short speeches by the primary class, second, the Oral lesson by the intermediate class. After which Prof. Blair, from Guilford College, addressed the people on Sabbath School work, and the committee arranged and brought forward the treat and presented it to the school. Prof. Blair also addressed the people at night on Christian Citizenship.

Rev. James Needham, who celebrated his 98th birthday on last Sunday, will preach at the Friend's church next Saturday evening at five o'clock, p. m.

R. M.

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Refused to Indict Gordon.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 24.—After examining several witnesses this morning, the grand jury reported at noon refusing to indict Fulton Gordon for killing his wife and Brown. He was discharged from custody.

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