

—We have been having fine rains. —Hear Dr. Cobb at the Baptist church next Sunday. —The Democratic County Convention will meet in the court house next Saturday. —Mr. John L. Markham died suddenly in Durham last Sunday morning, of acute indigestion. —Mr. H. Y. Harris, a well known citizen of this county, died at his home at Caldwell Institute Monday. —Sheriff Hughes, who has been at home sick two or three weeks, is reported as improving, and we hope he will soon be well. —The Presbyterian manse, on Churton street, is for rent on reasonable terms. Apply to Calvin R. Parist for terms, &c. —Mr. Nate W. Brown went to Winston last week to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Albea. He returned to Hillsboro Tuesday. —Parks & Hedgpeth have reduced Star Brand Guano to \$2.00; Official Alliance Guano to \$2.00; and all other grades in proportion. —"One Minute Cough Cure is the best preparation I have ever sold or used and I can't say too much in its praise." L. M. Kennon, Merchant, Odell, Ga. W. A. Hayes. —As the character of a thief is written in his countenance, so like wise do worms portray their presence in the child's features. Hasten to give Shrier's Indian Vermifuge to destroy and expel the pests. For sale by W. A. Hayes, Druggist. —Cole's Store precinct sends the following named delegates to the County Convention at Hillsboro on May 21: R. P. Blackwood and J. M. Lloyd for the County, and J. W. Cole for the District. The following named were appointed Precinct Committee: O. B. Cates, C. D. Kirkland, J. H. Blackwood, D. W. Burch and R. P. Blackwood. —The OBSERVER acknowledges an invitation to the Sixth Annual Commencement Exercises of the State Normal and Industrial College of North Carolina, at Greensboro on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 22d, 23d and 24th, 1898. Two young ladies from Hillsboro, Miss Mary Tinnie and Miss Naunie Strudwick, are members of the graduating class. —The Rock Spring Academy will have its closing exercises on Friday, May 20th, beginning at 11 o'clock, a. m. Prof. J. B. Carlie, of Wake Forest College, will deliver the address, and Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, will preach the annual sermon. Other exercises in the evening. The Principal and Trustees extend a warm invitation to the public Everybody invited. —The following snake story was sent to the OBSERVER from Cole's Store: Master Walter Cates killed one of the largest snakes of the kind ever seen in this neighborhood. The snake was of the copper head variety, and measured 44 inches in length and 8 1/2 inches in circumference. Esquire O. B. Cates says if the snake had been fat it would have measured 12 inches in circumference. —Mr. Charles Crabtree, one of our oldest citizens, died on Thursday morning, May 12th. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the Methodist church, and were conducted by Rev. J. M. Terrell, assisted by Rev. H. S. Bradshaw. The following named gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Major D. H. Hamilton, C. M. Parks, J. E. Jones, Henry Richards, Jas. Webb and W. A. Hayes. The interment was made in the new cemetery. —The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. C. Ry here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer--am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by W. A. Hayes, Druggist.

—"A man who has never been lied about is evidently beneath the notice of the devil. The devil never starts lies about those inoffensive of his kingdom."—Christian Witness and Standard. DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES. The Democrats of East and West Hillsboro precincts met in the court house Saturday afternoon and appointed delegates and alternates to the County Convention, and elected Precinct Committeemen as follows: East Hillsboro. Delegates—E. A. Dickson, Henry Richards, J. R. Whitted and D. C. Parks. Alternates—Isaiah Browning, D. M. Laws, W. J. Freeland and Minnie Miller. Committee—Dr. C. D. Jones, E. A. Dickson, John B. Kirkland, D. M. Laws and S. M. Gattis. West Hillsboro. Delegates—Don M. Cameron, W. M. Jones, J. W. Riley, T. B. Parker and C. E. Parish. Alternates—E. G. Sherrill, H. E. Murphy, T. W. Riley, G. Waddell and George Laws. Committee—S. E. Cole, W. M. Jones, J. W. Riley, Frank Smith and C. E. Parish. EAST DURHAM'S NEW MILL. Our neighbor to the east of us is making a great many improvements. One of the latest new enterprises in East Durham is the Durham Roller Mills, of which C. B. Grimes is the proprietor. A brand-new industry, from building to its machinery, and it is a credit to its town, Durham county, and the industries of the State. It is no small affair, as the capacity will be fifty barrels of flour a day. He also intends to run two grist burrs, and thus give us meal as well as flour. The mill is about completed and will be in successful operation in a few days. In this new industry the proprietor has the best wishes of his friends including the Sun.—Durham Sun. —Dr. Edmund Strudwick returned to Alabama last week.

How to Look Good. Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a piteched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at W. A. Hayes' Drug Store. 50 cents a bottle.

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PARKS & HEDGPETH. —The human machine starts but once and stops but once. You can keep it going longest and most regularly by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. W. A. Hayes. —Mrs. Albea, widow of the late W. W. Albea, died in Winston on Thursday, May 12th, at the age of 75 years. She was a sister of Mrs. Henry N. Brown, of this place.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*. —An empty pocket is bad, an empty mind is worse, and an empty heart is the most deplorable kind of poverty.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*. —When the word is yet unspoken you are master of it; when once it is spoken it is master of you.

FOR SALE.—A good Horse. Apply to S. M. Gattis.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NEW MILLINERY. I have just returned from Baltimore with a handsome selection of MILLINERY, NOTIONS AND SUMMER DRESS GOODS. Everything New and Stylish. HATS, latest and prettiest styles, at prices to suit all. Some beauties in ORGANDIES, LAWNs and RIBBONS. A choice assortment of LADIES' LINEN COLLARS and CUFFS, TIES, BOWS, BELTS, HANDKERCHIEFS, FANS and CORSETS. Call and see me. Yours truly, MISS M. E. FORREST, Up Stairs at Hillsboro Exchange

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SALE OF VALUABLE LAND. On Monday, May 30th, 1898, in obedience to an order of Superior Court of Orange County made in the special proceedings of John K. Hughes, Executor of Thomas H. Hughes, against Wm. M. Morris and wife and others, I will offer for sale at the court house door in Hillsboro the following tracts of land: I. Interest of Thomas H. Hughes in Tobacco Factory and Fixtures.

II. A tract of land known as the "Home Place" of Thomas H. Hughes, adjoining lands of John K. Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Robert D. Hinton and others, containing 275 acres, more or less. III. A tract of land known as a part of the "Tinnin Tract," lying west of the Home tract, adjoining Jesse Hughes and Home Place.

IV. Residue of "Tinnin Tract," adjoining Fred. Clark, William Dollar and others. V. Thomas K. Turner tract, adjoining lands of heirs of James Scott, Robert D. Tinnin and others. Sale at 12 m. Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance at 6 and 12 months with interest from day of sale. This 11th day of April, 1898.

JOHN K. HUGHES, Executor and Commissioner.

THE KILLING OF ENSIGN BAGLEY. Key West, May 12.—A masked battery it was that disabled the United States torpedo-boat "Winslow" and cost Ensign Bagley and three of the crew of the boat their lives off Cardenas yesterday. The "Winslow," "Wilmington" and "Hudson" were cruising off Cardenas, and about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the little torpedo-boat moved in close to the shore. She could see the main batteries a mile and a half ahead, but had no thought of the masked battery which was so near. She reached a point nearly 500 yards from the shore, when suddenly the snubbery parted and heavy cannon boomed out. The guns were so close they could not miss. Heavy solid shot and shell fell all about the torpedo-boat. A solid shot that tore through the hull and forward boiler blew up the "Winslow," but her men did not flinch. Another shot tore away her rudder, and then she drifted helplessly. The "Hudson" steamed into the harbor and took the "Winslow" in tow. Hawsers were scarcely laid when a shell burst directly over the damaged boat. Lieutenant Bagley was instantly killed and four of his men were working rapid-fire rifles fell within.

WANTED. A few hundred bushels of good Wheat. Will pay cash for same. Apply to C. B. GRIMES, East Durham, N. C.

WITHOUT DOUBT THE BEST SALE OF VALUABLE LAND. On Monday 30th day of May, 1898, at the court house in Hillsboro, in obedience to order made in the special proceedings of J. M. Porterfield, Administrator of Q. V. Porterfield vs. John R. Wilson and others, to make real estate assets, I will offer for sale a tract of land in Orange county, bounded as follows: Beginning at No. 1, a stone in Compton's line, then S. 2 1/2 W. 37.38 chains to No. 2, a stone A. J. McDade's corner, then S. 87 1/2 E. 14.08 chains to No. 3, a stone A. J. McDade's corner, then N. 21-2 E. 13 chains to No. 4, a stone and pointer, then S. 87 E. 15.51 chains to No. 5, a stake and pointer, then S. 2 1/2 W. 4 chains to No. 6, a stone and pointer, then S. 87 1/2 E. 1 chain to a stake No. 7, L. C. Jordan's corner, then N. 21-2 E. 28.80 chains to No. 8, pointers in Compton's line, then N. 87 1/2 W. with said Compton's line 33.59 chains to first station, containing 102 6-10 acres, more or less. Terms of sale: One-third cash, and balance at 6 and 12 months with interest from day of sale. This 9th day of April, 1898. J. M. PORTERFIELD, Administrator and Commissioner.

MORE GOODS, BETTER GOODS, AND CHEAPER GOODS than ever before. RALEIGH STANDARD AND STONEWALL GUANOS for everybody at HILLSBORO EXCHANGE. COMMISSIONER'S SALE. At the March Term 1898 of Orange Superior Court the undersigned was appointed a Commissioner in the case of B. L. Duke vs. J. J. Carden and wife, to sell the tract of land described in the pleadings in said case. By virtue of the powers given him in said decree he will offer for sale at the court house door in the town of Hillsboro, N. C., at 12 o'clock m., on Thursday, June 2nd, 1898, to the highest bidder for cash the following small valuable farm, to-wit: Lying and being in Little River township, Orange county, N. C., where said J. J. Carden resides, containing 72 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by the Durham and Hillsboro road, on the east by the W. B. Holloway place, on the south by the James H. Pratt lands, and on the west by John Dezen and the Pratt lands. This 15th day of April, 1898. ROBERT W. WINSTON, Commissioner.

LAND SALE. By virtue of a mortgage deed executed on the 25th of July, 1886, by G. L. Daniel to the undersigned to secure the payment of a bond for two hundred and fifty dollars, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Orange county, N. C., on page 121, I will on Tuesday the 24th day of May, 1898, at the court house door in the town of Hillsboro, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract of land situated in Cedar Grove township, County and State aforesaid, on the waters of Little River, adjoining the lands of Drury Daniel on north, the lands of Drury Daniel on the east, the lands of Drury Daniel on the south, the lands of William Bradshaw on the west, and containing 87 acres, more or less.

This April 16, 1898. LEMUEL BROOKS, Mortgagee.

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