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Prof. G. A. Grimley returned Saturday.

Saturday Miss Barbara Lawrence returned on a visit to Wake Forest and Morehead.

Capt. T. H. Gault has been confined to the house with rheumatism.

Col. W. F. Beasley left Monday morning.

Miss Fannie Speight of Wendale, is visiting Miss Della Speight of Tarboro.

John Dawson of LaGrange has been here on a visit to his brothers, Seariff and J. L. Dawson.

Miss Selma Dawson of LaGrange, is visiting her uncle, R. F. Dawson.

W. G. Clark has returned from Panacea Springs; both improved.

J. D. Savage the Edgecombe traveler is home again, having just from the Georgia coast, experimenting with pile driving.

The rain for Monday night and Tuesday was only one inch.

Expensive articles of household use, valuable as gifts at Bell's Jewelry Store.

Nice line of Wedding presents received at Bell's, cased in silver plush, cheap.

The man who laid on a single plume to get an idea what a feather bed would feel like, was no smarter than the man who thinks to get an idea of Bell's stock by "hear-say." Read his column, give him a call and buy cheap. 439w221f

E. R. D. Dove, of Shiloh, Tuesday while crossing the dam between here and Princerville was deposited in the water by his horse jumping from under him, being frightened by some floating brush.

Rains.

The rain Friday was general, but not very heavy except in the Southwest, Southern and Southeast portions of the county. A section from a mile to three miles wide was flooded.

Where it began and ended is not reported, but very heavy rains Friday were reported at Bryan's mill in No. 10, at Eagles store No. 9, at Sparta and vicinity and at Bethel ditches were flooded, bridges washed up and the land badly washed.

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That Bridge

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Citizens of the Town and Township constituting one-twelfth of the whole population of the county, want a bridge across Hendricks creek for their convenience and for the general good of the county. This bridge would be five times as much to build as the one now in use, except the tax on it in Tarboro. These citizens now pay and have been paying annually, for county purposes alone over \$1000. This bridge would cost primarily about \$1000 and from the plan of construction would be of little expense thereafter. No scheme for a county appropriation of the amount asked for can be suggested that would afford greater benefits to 2500 of the citizens of the county. Under this state facts, the representatives of these citizens asked of the Board of Commissioners, not what of right they are entitled to, that this bridge be erected by the County, out of the funds collected from them, but that the county pay \$400, about two-fifths of the cost, and only 10 per cent of the amount that they annually contribute to the county funds. How was this proposition treated? Summarily rejected, without even the courtesy of a reason for so doing.

What is the necessary condition—No exposure that be avoided which will be paid at Bryan's mill in No. 10, at Eagles store No. 9, at Sparta and vicinity and at Bethel ditches were flooded, bridges washed up and the land badly washed.

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The Frog Editor to the Front

"What's that you're giving us?" This drawled out the frog editor to the Southerner snake reporter, who had just upon a most astutious yam about a fine snake, one inch in diameter, two feet long, swallowing a black snake three feet long and two inches through and locking his chops and going for a rat he had killed just before tackling the black snake.

"Why," pursued the Frog Faberian raising his head on his hand from a pile of exchanges upon which he was reclining in a corner, "you ought to have been fishing with me down at the pond water works. I noticed on the bank opposite a titanic bull frog intoning his soft, melodious melody. His countenance was markedly frank and open and his mouth, big enough to take in a No. 12 shoe vamp, would nearly turn him inside out with each issuance of his guttural note.

Suddenly his song sank into a low self-satisfied chirp and his rather prominent eyes showed a merry twinkle. Occasional, his left eye would close after the manner of a visitor to a soda fountain, where no spirits are allowed.

His rambling was having some fun, but what was it about?

Suddenly he came to the position of left-about-face, when I saw an immense water moccasin stealthily approaching and when he got about three feet away, he paused and gave a gulp or two to get his gizzard lubricated for action.

Then opening his mouth he darted forward with distended jaws for his prey. It was a flash and a spluttering of mud and water. When things got quiet again, there was the snake and the frog occupying their relative positions. The moccasin slowly skinned for vintage, but the frog turned so as to keep his head straight to his foe.

Another dart and spluttering and splashing and both reptiles held their original positions.

This was repeated seven distinct times and the snake lay motionless except a wiggle of his tail.

"Well, how did the frog escape?" quired the snake journalist, deeply interested.

"Simple enough," explained the frog historian. "When the snake flew at the frog with his mouth open, the frog jumped down his throat, turning a somersault so as to alight in the snake's belly with his head towards the snake's mouth. Then before the snake could recover from surprise at feeling something in his belly that he had never tasted, the frog would get hot with his fine nails and spring back to his tussock. I dissected the dead snake and found that he was ripped all to pieces by the frog's nails."

"Pshaw!" exclaimed the snake scribe. "You have been associating with Duffy, Frank Steadman and Harry Smith of Cape Fear serpent fame."

False Education