

PERSONAL AND NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. E. J. Cook, of Portsmouth, Va., formerly of this county, is out on a visit to relatives and friends.

A match game of base ball is expected here next Saturday afternoon between the Lasker and Rehoboth nines.

The Eastern Division of The Temperance Union meets at Bethany Church on the 5th Sabbath of this month at 3 o'clock P. M.

President Charles D. McIver, of the State Normal and Industrial School, is in the Western part of the State conducting teachers institutes.

Crops of all kinds in this vicinity have greatly improved during the past week. They have not suffered any for rain and the warm weather and good showers have caused the farmers to be cheerful.

The protracted meeting at Roberts' Chapel church at Pendleton will begin the first Sunday in August. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Scarborough, will be assisted by Elder H. T. Williams, of Seaboard.

The meeting at Buckhorn church in Hertford county will begin the second Sunday in August and Elder J. E. Hutson, of Richmond, Va., will assist the pastor, Rev. C. W. Scarborough, during the meeting.

The next examination of applicants for certificates to teach in the public schools will be held the second Thursday and Friday of September. Thursday for white applicants and Friday for the colored.

The managers of the excursion for 4th of August request us to say that the excursion will run rain or shine as they have a contract with the rail road company and the money has been paid for the train.

Mrs. R. C. Spivey and two sons have returned from Princess Anne county, Va., whither they went a few weeks ago to spend the summer. Mrs. Spivey thinks Lasker the best place after all, as the health of her family is better here.

Miss Agnes Livermon, of Roxobel, was in our village last week on her way to Jackson to stand examination for teacher's certificate. She has been employed to teach in district No. 38, near Roxobel, and takes charge of her first school determined to do her full duty.

From our Murfreesboro letter we see that the gentleman who was to furnish the refreshments at the picnic at Beale's mill did not put in his appearance at all. We trust our friend Griffin of Potecasi will not let this be the case any more. Beale's mill is in his beat and he should see that no such disappointments occur again.

We learn that The Cummer Company will finish their work in Princess Anne county, Va., in about two months, and will then resume work in this (Northampton) county. It will be a great help to many of our people when they return as the cash they pay out weekly for labor and supplies would do our people much good.

Another apprentice printer in our office, Walter R. Smith, of Roxobel, has been here a day or two and has learned to set up plain

type real well. We had much difficulty when we first began to publish a paper to get printers, but have found that any ordinary country boy can learn to set plain type fairly well in two day's time.

Watermelons made their appearance in our village earlier this season than usual. One of our citizens heard Capt. R. B. Peebles, who is an expert watermelon raiser, say last spring that the Florida Favorite variety was a very good kind, and he came home and planted some of them at once with the result that he had fine nice, ripe melons on the 15 July.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Scotland Neck Military Academy in this issue. This is a new school, but is rapidly coming to the front. It claims to furnish every advantage of more expensive schools and at a cost which is within the reach of the ordinary person. No one can make a mistake by sending to this school. See advertisement in another column.

We note with pleasure that Mr. M. B. Vick, a student at the A. & M. College from this county and son of Maj. W. P. Vick, is not only a good and faithful student but is corresponding Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the College. This not only shows the esteem in which he is held by his fellow students, but shows that his moral training is not being neglected.

Hon. Willis W. Williams, Master of State Grange, gave a public address at the next Tuesday at 2 o'clock p. m., it being the time of the meeting of the Northampton county Grange. Everybody are cordially and earnestly invited to attend. Mr. Williams is an able speaker and a champion of all measures, for the farmer's benefit, and all should go out and give him an attentive hearing.

Miss Annie E. Parker, teacher of Lasker school for several years and much beloved by all the people of this community for her sterling worth, untiring energy and devotion to duty, has been employed to teach the public school in district No. 26, near Mr. J. R. Leak's. The committee made a wise selection and the people of that district ought to feel grateful to them for securing the services of such a good, hard working, efficient, conscientious teacher as Miss Parker has proved herself to be by several years experience as a teacher. Since she last taught she has attended the first session of the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro, and comes from that institution better prepared to teach, and with a still higher conception of her duty as a teacher.

Grand Excursion.

For the benefit of those who wish to spend a day in the twin cities and at the Sea Shore, we have chartered a train of first class cars and will run an excursion from Lewiston, N. C., to Portsmouth, Va., on August 4, 1893.

Coaches will be reserved for each depot on the R. & T. Road so that parties of friends can remain together if they choose.

Good order will be maintained and no efforts will be spared to make the trip pleasant and comfortable. Arrangements will be made so that parties who wish to can visit Old Point, Virginia Beach and other places of interest.

This excursion will be run at the most leisurely season of the year and will be most desirable time to visit the Sea Shore.

WALTER J. BROWN, } Managers,
J. J. PARKER, }
M. H. CONNER. }

Blessings, like angel's visits, are often in disguise.

Jackson Locals.

Judge T. W. Mason, of the Rail Road Commission, was in town to day.

A rain would do much good here now. Plenty has fallen near us, but it is getting quite dry here now.

Mr. T. W. Jordan and sister Miss Pauline, and Miss Laura Selden, of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting in town.

Mr. F. P. Barrow, of Newport News, Va., accompanied by his estimable wife, is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Capt. S. N. Buxton is at Newport News, Va. His enterprising firm, J. A. Buxton & Co., have a large business interest there, and characteristic of the Buxtons, they pay their personal attention to every detail of their business.

Mr. Faison Calvert, who has been visiting his mother, relatives and friends here for a few weeks, has returned to Tarboro, N. C. Faison is a genial, good fellow and his friends have greatly enjoyed his visit among them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Picard have been in Baltimore, Md., for about a week. Mr. Picard will probably return in a few days, but Mrs. Picard will probably go to the springs and remain for a few weeks for the benefit of her health before she returns home.

ROXOBEL RATTLINGS.

THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY GOOD—CROPS ON THE ROANOKE VERY GOOD—OTHER ITEMS.

Marked improvements are noticed in the crops with us daily.

It is stated that Mr. Jno. E. Tyler, of Roxobel, will travel in the interest of the Norfolk Landmark, of Norfolk, Va.

We learn that several of our nearby citizens anticipate a pleasant tour to the Columbian Exposition at an early date.

Another excursion in addition to those spoken of last week is to be run in August. The colored people are interested, so we are informed.

Our physician reports unusual good health with children in this immediate section this summer, and no serious cases of illness with older people as of former years.

Mr. H. A. Cox endeavors to keep our town cool during this torrid weather, if possible, but he pronounces ice dealing is a melting business, though his experience is yet brief.

Mrs. A. T. Livermon and children are sojourning in Northampton county near Woodland, N. C. We wish them a pleasant stay with their many relatives and friends of that clime.

It was the PATRON AND GLEANER's correspondent's lot to have the pleasure of visiting the fertile hot-bottoms of the Roanoke, in company with others, last Sunday afternoon, to view the corn fields on this stream. Never have we cast eyes upon a crop of the kind more beautiful and sublime. It will take much water to overflow the banks of the river now as it is exceedingly low. Should no freshet occur until late in the fall, this article of food will not be one of scarcity next year.

"Actions speak louder than words" in some instances at least. People often say one thing and act just the reverse, which are noticeable facts to those who do not thus indulge. We heard a man talking a few weeks back concerning the liquor traffic, and his conversation would have lead anyone to believe, if it was in his power, that liquor itself would have been wiped out of existence. Since that time we have had an occasion to bring that relation to a test, in which our friend proves false. When the whiskey man came along with his recommendation to sell liquor in the place in which the above referred gentleman resided, his signature was penned thereto. It appears from that that he advocated the business or he would not have placed his name in any such place. What, oh what! will the answer be?

Josh. Roxobel, N. C., July 19, 1893.

LEWISTON LETTER.

FARMER'S ALLIANCE MEETING—BUTLER'S SPEECH—CUTTING AFFRAY.

The Farmers Alliance had, what they call, a grand festival here last Thursday, the 13th. There is no doubt about the dinner they furnished being the finest public dinner that was ever given in this place. The tables were supplied with an abundance, and much to spare of the necessities and luxuries of a farmers dinner and all nicely prepared. The whole arrangements for the dinner and speaking were as good as they could make them. There were about four hundred and fifty people present, including men women and children, both white and colored, and every body was invited to partake of the dinner, though some preferred to dine quietly at home to eating at the crowded tables. By some of the Alliance the crowd was stated to number one thousand and over but the best judges of crowds contended that 450 would embrace everybody present and about one third of this number represented the strength of the Alliance present. Marian Butler of the "Caucasian" was the orator of the day. It was not our privilege to be present, but everybody whom we heard speak of his speech said it was an ordinary affair, simply a rehash of old questions, and but a poor rehash at that. We heard only one person speak in praise of the speech. We learn that Butler's harangue was lengthy and somewhat monotonous, considering that he came so far to deliver it. He abused no body in particular, unless it was the Editor of the Windsor Ledger, for something the Ledger had said about the great State Alliance "I am." He spoke in the interest of the Alliance and the Caucasian, and ridiculed the Democrats to some slight extent, where he could find a chance to say anything against them. I didn't learn that he said anything against the Republicans. It seems that his visit profited but little, except to some hungry darkies who got a square meal at the expense of the Alliance, and to the "Caucasian" that received several "25c subscribers". Well he has been here and had his say and we like him just the same as we did before, he came, no better, no worse. We believe the Alliance was originated for a good purpose, and was then worthy of respect, but now we regard the Alliance and Thirdpartyism as synonymous terms, and fear that the workings of the Alliance is too much mixed with thirdpartyism to ever benefit the farmers. We wish the third party all speed on its way to its inevitable doom of death, while we wish the good people forming it a speedy awakening to the error of their way.

About four inches of rain fell here last Sunday evening which damaged the cotton and corn right much. We have had no rain since, except a sprinkle last night.

The colored people met at Kelford yesterday and organized the first colored Baptist church of Kelford.

To day the burial society (colored) are marching with drums and singing up and down our streets, and making enough racket to frighten all the horses in town.

Mayor P. T. Harrell tried his first case today. J. C. Vann was quite badly cut with a knife by George Price, a colored blacksmith. Price has not been caught yet. Mr. Vann was bound over to the Superior court.

Lewiston N. C., July 15, 1893.

Scotland Neck Military Academy, Scotland Neck, N. C.

A Military School for boys and young men. Classical and Business Courses. Drill Master from Virginia Military Institute. Charges low. Health Good. Pupils board in the school. Write for catalogue.

W. C. Allen, Sup't.

MURFREESBORO LETTER.

CROPS IMPROVING—DEATH OF MRS. GRIFFIN, AND MR. MADDEY—OTHER NEWS.

Generally speaking, crops are in better condition than those of last year; lay by is the most important question now among the farmers.

Miss Bettie Frank Brown, who has been visiting the family of engineer Carney, of Portsmouth, Va., has just returned and reports a most pleasant trip while there. She is now teaching a short term of school some five miles from town. May success accompany her.

Mr. Joseph R. Hines, one of our most excellent young men, has just returned from a short visit to his sisters in Coleraine.

We learn that Rev. R. P. Troy, President W. F. College, has been granted a vacation by his church here, which he will spend in the interest of his school, and that Rev. Asa J. Parker will fill his pulpit during his absence.

Misses Brownie and Effa Parker and Eva Hines have just returned from a pleasant trip to relatives and friends at Union and Coleraine.

Protracted meeting at Meherrin church is to begin on the first Sunday of August. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Hoggard, it is thought, will be assisted by Rev. R. E. Peele, who is gifted in evangelistic work.

Rev. T. G. Wood has just returned from a week's vacation, visiting friends and relatives in Norfolk. We are glad to have him with us again and hope he is much improved. Mr. Wood is much loved wherever he goes.

Since I last wrote to your paper, death has claimed two out of our community.

Mr. Henry Carter Maddrey died on the 6th, after a long illness, of consumption. He had been confined to his room for several months. He leaves a wife and many relatives and friends, who deeply mourn his death. He was a good citizen, and held many offices of honor and trust. At one time he was representative of this county, and up to the time of his death was one of the County Commissioners.

On the 14th death again visited our town and took from us one of our dearest ladies, Mrs. Walter Griffin. For some time she suffered with that dreadful disease, consumption, until at last surrounded by her many friends, she succumbed to that dreadful disease.

It was duly fixed upon, and a number invited from Potecasi, Miami and Murfreesboro to meet at Beale's mill pond some ten miles distance to have a picnic. The ten invited from Murfreesboro were sadly disappointed on the day preceding the picnic for the kind and accommodating Jackie Outland, who had promised us conveyance on his fine team, called home by a telegram to Gates county. But four went, and behold, they were doubly disappointed; no one was there, but about thirty came over later and although the gentleman who was to bring the refreshments did not put in his appearance at all those present, especially the four from this place, spent the day quite pleasantly in conversation, boat-riding and walking. Late in the afternoon all went over to Mr. Pope's. The parlor, hall and piazza was crowded. Mrs. Pope, a most estimable lady, aided by her charming daughters, who can entertain in a manner as charming as it is graceful, rendered our few minutes stay there most pleasant and will long be remembered as one of the pleasantest episodes of our life. The ride home and the singing was delightful and greatly enjoyed. Our thanks are due and we gladly accord them to all present especially to Mr. J. C. Chitty for the delightful ride on the pond. The writer did not have the pleasure of going, but gleaned the above by one who was present.

S. C. P. Murfreesboro, N. C., July 15, 1893.

We will print excursion tickets on good card board and deliver them at your post office at \$1.50 per thousand. Send us your orders. Patron and Gleaner, Lasker, N. C.