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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

For Sale—C. L. Bristow.
Moving Sale—H. J. Rubin.
Goods at Cost—J. J. Parker.
Tobacco for Sale—B. M. Pugh.
Car of Corn—J. A. Buxton & Co.
Sale of Town Lots—J. A. Buxton.

Mules for Sale—J. A. Burgwyn.
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This issue closes the fifth volume of the PATRON AND GLEANER. Its growth has been slow but steady and our subscription list was never in a more satisfactory condition than at present.

We have recently added to our printing outfit a new lot of heading and display type. We can give our advertisers better service in the future.

As will be seen from an article published elsewhere in this issue, the Seaboard Air Line railroad company is to establish one hundred experimental farms along its line. This is a very commendable enterprise and will doubtless result in great good to farmers.

Under the present school law there is no regulation of the salary of teachers. True, the law says for certain grades the salary shall not exceed a certain amount, but virtually the whole matter is left with the committee for each school. Better results would be obtained if salaries of teachers were fixed by county or district boards. Sometimes under the present law there is as much as \$10. per month difference in salary paid teachers in adjoining districts for the same grade of work.

If the Senatorial contest to be waged in Raleigh as soon as the Legislature meets should result in the election of Judge Walter Clark the cause of the people would triumph. Of all the men spoken of for the place he is our favorite. His retirement from the Supreme court bench could ill be spared, but he could be of much greater service to his people in the United States Senate than on the Supreme court bench. But in these times of political intrigues his election to the Senate is too great a triumph for the masses of the people to be hoped for.

There has been much said of late about free scholarships at our colleges and University pauperizing young men. The News & Observer expressed our sentiments exactly in a recent editorial from which we clip the following:

We do not at all agree with Dr. Kilgo, in the idea that a free scholarship pauperizes a young man. If so, why were not Grant, Lee, Stonewall Jackson and thousands of other men, who received not only free tuition, but free board and clothes as well—why were not these men ruined, if free scholarships work ruin? The appeal to men of wealth to endow colleges and universities is based upon a belief that the youth ought to be helped to secure an education. If such help pauperizes a man, Mr. Duke, Mr. Carr and all other philanthropist are doing wrong to give part of the cost of higher education to the young men of the state.

A lively discussion is going on in the State press in regard to increase of taxation for the public schools. Many writers claim, and among them Superintendent Scarborough, that the rate of taxation for schools cannot be raised

but little, if any, without exceeding the Constitutional limit. Mr. Scarborough in his forthcoming annual report urges that the Legislature provide for a separate board of education and for supervision for the schools. The present rate of taxation for the support of the schools is 18 cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property, and if the Legislature will increase this to 20 cents and amend the school law as recommended by Mr. Scarborough in regard to boards of education and supervision better results would be obtained than a much higher rate without proper oversight. Let the Legislature first provide the school machinery and then the means to run it with.

CAR LOAD CORN.

We have just received another Car Load of No. 1 White Corn which we are selling at bottom prices.
J. A. BUXTON & CO.,
Jackson, N. C.

Valuable Mules for Sale.

On Thursday, January 14th, 1897, in pursuance of a chattel mortgage made by E. A. Vaughan, and recorded in book 99, page 116 in the Register's office of Northampton county, I shall sell at public auction for cash at the residence of said E. A. Vaughan in Roanoke Township, the property described in said mortgage, to-wit: Two bay mules, one named Belle and one named Pete—to satisfy said mortgage.
This Dec. 21, 1896.
J. A. BURGWIN, Admr.
of Sarah J. Parker.

FOR SALE.

One Yoke of Steers and Log Cart. Terms reasonable.
For further information call on or address,
C. L. BRISTOW,
Potocasi, N. C.

Leaf Tobacco for Sale.

I will have at Jackson the first Monday in January, 1897, a good lot of leaf tobacco. Parties in want of good tobacco can get it by calling on me that day or by ordering direct from me at home. Orders solicited.
B. M. PUGH,
South Gaston, Halifax Co., N. C.

COW STRAYED.

One young red cow, with one or two white spots, bought at the sale of the late C. Hall has strayed from my premises. Anyone who will put her up and notify me will be paid for his services.
A. J. CONNER,
Rich Square, N. C.

To My Patrons.

Having heretofore made special rates to citizens of the county for meals, this is to notify all that hereafter a uniform rate of \$2.00 per day will be charged all transient boarders.

Thanking you for past patronage and soliciting a continuance of same.
Very respectfully,
JAMES SOULL, Proprietor,
Burgwyn Hotel.

A GRAND CONCERT

For the benefit of the A. M. E. Sunday school will be given by the young people of Rich Square at the times and places named below, consisting of dialogues, recitations and some very funny plays, accompanied by music. All come and enjoy a hearty laugh.
At Lewiston, N. C., December 31, 1896, at 7 o'clock P. M. in the A. M. E. Church, Rich Square, N. C., January 2, 1897, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Admission: 10c. Children 5c.

MANAGERS:
W. H. ROBERTS, J. W. POPE, S. E. TANN.

NOTICE.

By virtue of and pursuant to a power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed to me as Trustee on the 13th day of February, 1886, by J. G. Edwards and his wife Martha S., which deed of trust is registered in the office of Register of Deeds of Northampton county, in Book 71, page 721, of said office, I will, on Monday the fourth day of January, 1897, sell at the courthouse door in the town of Jackson to the highest bidder for cash, all that tract or parcel of land conveyed in said deed of trust and belonging to the said J. G. Edwards and wife deceased, said land is known as the land upon which the said J. G. Edwards and wife lived and died, and bounded by the Meherrin River, the public road leading from Francisville to Diamond Grove, and by the lands of the heirs of J. M. S. Rogers and W. E. Coggin and containing 737 acres more or less. November 23rd, 1896.
JOSEPH A. GARRIS, Trustee.

The PATRON AND GLEANER and the Raleigh North Carolinian, both one year for only \$1.50. Send us your subscriptions.

RALEIGH LETTER.

LEGISLATURE TO CREATE TWO NEW OFFICES.

Condition of the State Treasury—Death of Maj. S. M. Finger—Strength of the Masons—The Senatorial contest—The Pension List—Other News Items.
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 28, 1896.

Another Yule time has come and gone. It was genuine winter weather clear and cold. It was a good Christmas in many ways. Trade here has been unusually good, so of course the merchants were well pleased, as well as were those who reaped the benefit of all the numerous purchases. Not an accident occurred here to mar the pleasure of the holidays. The churches were beautifully decorated and the offerings were liberal. At Good Shepherd (Episcopal) church the offering was over \$4,200. Most of this is for the fund for building a new church.

Judge E. T. Boykin, of the Supreme Court, who recently resigned the judgeship has formed a partnership with Mr. Armitstead Jones, of this city, and will move his family here this week.

Governor Carr's message to the legislature will be quite a lengthy one but will be full of all matters that look to the public good.

There is such a strong sentiment going to be brought to bear upon the legislature for a 4 months term of the public schools that it is thought the money will be provided somehow. The legislature will also be urged to consider the publication by the State of books to be used in the common schools.

In the Broughton-Young contested election case before a magistrate last week the clerk of the court was ordered to produce the ballot boxes for a recount. This he refused to do, where upon a Supreme Court Judge was asked to issue a mandamus, after giving a hearing to the parties. This was done so the ballots are to be recounted on Wednesday the 30th. If this order is not obeyed the clerk will be adjudged guilty of contempt. No supreme court being in session there is no chance for an appeal.

There is a considerable row now over the election of a U. S. Senator to succeed Pritchard. The Populists demand that one of their party be elected but the chances are that Pritchard will succeed himself. He is now said to be a free silver man, but there is no telling what a thorough diagnosis of his case will develop.
Mr. R. W. Best, so well known here where he lived for so many years, died in Washington City last week, and was brought here for burial. Soon after the war he was Secretary of State, and was also a very prominent Mason.

The news of the sudden death of ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction, S. M. Finger, was heard here with much regret. The State lost one of her most valuable sons. He left a widow, but no children. Governor Carr sent a telegram of condolence to Mrs. Finger upon learning of the death of her husband.

Chairman Ayer has issued to the Populist members of the Legislature the following circular:

"The suggestion may not be necessary, but I venture a reminder that it would be well for all People's party members of the Legislature to arrive here as early on Tuesday, January 5th, as they can. It will be very necessary to hold a caucus before the regular opening-day, and all our people ought to attend. It has been suggested that the members arrive here on Monday, but Tuesday, I think, will be early enough."

The joint legislative committee to examine the Treasurer's books have finished and report as follows: Balance on hand, general fund December 1, 1894, \$303,239; total December 1, 1894, \$1,433,423. Disbursements, \$1,343,013; balance December 1, 1895, \$90,410. Total receipts during year ending November 30, 1896, \$1,333,439; total disbursements, \$1,245,140; balance December 1, 1896, \$88,352. The aggregate receipts for the two fiscal years were \$2,756,324; aggregate disbursements, \$2,588,153; excess of disbursements, \$212,829. The

value of taxable property has within the two years declined \$5,500,000, and the committee says the rate of taxation must be increased or expenses decreased.

That as to the educational fund says it was December 1, 1894, \$8,087, and the receipts during the following twelve months were \$49,947, the disbursements, \$14,695; balance December 1, 1895, \$35,151. Total receipts during year ending November 30, 1896, \$35,704; disbursements, \$1,648; balance December 1, 1896, \$35,030. The committee, Messrs. Farthing, Julian and Ellis, pay the highest compliments to the admirable manner in which all the books in the State Treasury are kept.

There are now 391 Masonic Lodges in the State and 11,000 members. During the past year the different lodges have raised \$10,000 for buildings at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, to meet a like sum given by Mr. Ben Duke, of Durham.

The legislature will probably create two new offices, Commissioner of Pensions and Commissioner of Insurance. Until this is decided Auditor-elect Ayer will not appoint a pension clerk. The pension money this year runs up to \$100,000.

SOME FALSE IMPRESSIONS.

A Chicago Maiden Moralizes on the Modern Joke.

"Man is a complex creature," sighed the girl who was thinking of a postgraduate course at the university. "I don't agree with you," replied the girl who always spelled until with a double L. "I find him exceedingly simple." "And how simple one has to be to please him!" groaned the girl with the dimple in her chin. "Doesn't one? I often think of having all my wisdom teeth out on purpose." "Whatever are you talking about?" asked the girl who was thinking of taking a postgraduate course at the university. "Man, my dear. Our proper study, you know, and oh, how much easier life would be if only the comic paper had never been invented!" "Laura, dear, if you would only keep to one subject at a time!" "Oh, Laura is all right," put in the girl with the dimple in her chin. "What she means is this: Nine out of every ten men acquire what they think is a vast amount of knowledge concerning the peculiarities of our sex through the funny papers. Oh, it is true, Mary, though you look so intellectual, and the nearer we approach to the humorist's ideal of us the more thoroughly the men think they understand us, and consequently the better they like us."

"Well, I never!" said Mary in a faint voice. "Yes, and it is very trying to live up to it," groaned the girl who always spelled until with a double L. "I take all the funny papers myself in order to keep up with the latest ideas, and very expensive I find it too." "Yes, and then one has to pretend not to understand the jokes," lamented the girl with the dimple in her chin. "When I'm caught with one, I always pretend that I'm only looking at the pictures. But when I do hate worst is the ice cream joke."

"The ice cream joke!" faltered the girl who was thinking of a postgraduate course at the university. "M'h'm. There was a rich old bachelor at the place where I was staying last summer who firmly believed that all girls would like to live exclusively on ice cream. The cream they made there was atrocious, yet I had to eat plate after plate of it just to please him."

"Oh, well, perhaps next year!" "Nothing, dear. He told me when we parted that I had reminded him of an old love. Well, I shall be reminded of him for a long time by the fearful indignation that tepid cream gave me."

"Never! Laura, I could not marry him under false pretenses. Think, oh, think, of having to eat three plates of cream every day in the year." "Laura shuddered. 'Still I shall always have to pretend to be afraid of mice and to love big dogs.'"

"Poor dear! Did I tell you what a comical experience I had in the train Monday morning? No! Well, I had been staying a day or two at Winnetka with Ine, and coming in I bought a magazine. I had my embroidery scissors in my bag, and while I was getting them out I heard an old gentleman in the seat in front of me whisper to his neighbor, 'See if she doesn't use one now.' 'Of course, of course,' was the reply."

"Did they mean a hairpin?" asked the girl who was thinking of a postgraduate course at the university. "Certainly. What else? And you should have seen their look of disappointment when I began to cut the leaves with the scissors."

"Humph! Did they think you could afford to use real tortoise shell hairpins for such a purpose when they are so expensive and so fragile?" cried the girl who always spelled until with a double L. "Still I always stick in a wire one somewhere for such an emergency."

"I shall after this, for that old man's look of despair will haunt me to my dying day, and he talked about the new woman all the way into town."—Chicago Tribune.

A Little Oversight.
Lord Duffer was passionately devoted to shooting. He was not such a marvellously fine shot, nor was the game on his ancestral estate particularly plentiful, but as he had the best outfit in his borough, and particularly as magnificent stories were related of the skill of all his forefathers, what could he do but follow in the well beaten path? So, dutifully, but absentmindedly, he started out alone. After he had tramped about an hour he stopped to make ready for the slaughter. "Let me see," he said, feeling in one of his pockets. "Here are my cartridges, there my powder, my flask is in my breast pocket, my sandwiches are in my side pocket, and my gamebag's here. Good. Now for some sport. Algy, my boy."

He was feeling in particularly good spirits and did not mind the scarcity of game. He went four miles before he started anything. Then a bird rose. In a moment he was all excitement. Oh, if he could only bring it down! He tried to whistle, but he was too nervous. He called to his dog: "Here, Rover, get me that bird. It's good plump plump stridge, and I'll hang me 't I haven't gotten me gun!"—Boston Budget.

Ripans Tablets assist digestion. Ripans Tablets cure nausea.

WOODLAND LETTER.

Christmas Festivities and Entertainments Very Successful—Other News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Vaughan, of Rocky Mount, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vaughan.

Rev. C. J. D. Parker is at home from the Pennsylvania Theological University to spend Christmas with his parents.

Messrs. Preston Griffin, Ulysses Johnson and Willie Cale are home from Wake Forest College to spend the Christmas holidays. They are very much pleased with the college and speak in the highest terms of the faculty.

Miss Kate R. Weston, the accomplished teacher at Potocasi, was the guest of Mrs. C. W. Harrell Thursday evening, and attended the entertainment.

Mr. S. M. Hotze, the popular telegrapher at Potocasi, and his lady and daughter were the guests of Dr. R. W. Joyner Christmas eve. Mr. Hotze has a splendid bass voice as was fully demonstrated at the entertainment.

Mr. J. E. Moore, of Virginia, is visiting friends here which is agreeable to his best girl. He made a very appreciated speech at the Olney Academy Literary Saturday night.

Several of our young people attended a party given by Mr. C. S. Edwards last night which was quite an enjoyable affair.

Miss Mary Vann, of Rich Square, is the appreciated guest of Miss Janie Griffin.

Our young people who attended the Christmas tree at Potocasi report it as being one of the best that was ever held at that place.

Rev. T. C. Britton and family will leave home the first of the New Year to assume their duties in China. They are very anxious to get back to their work.

Christmas was enjoyed by every one hugely in spite of the hard times. The entertainment was a success, especially the music with Mrs. Dr. R. W. Joyner as organist. There has never been such a programme rendered in this place. The solo by Miss Eunice Edwards was grand, the exquisiteness of her voice was fully evinced. The duet by Mrs. Dr. R. W. Joyner and Mrs. Ada Griffin was magnificent, the recitations by Miss Carrie Barnes and Josie Griffin were splendid. All who heard them say that the graceful manner in which they rendered these pieces, and the thought they conveyed made them far superior to all others.

At each recurring Christmas and during the preparation for this happy occasion there is one name that we hear often and always with a loving remembrance by every one, it is the name of Mrs. Kate Black, she who worked so long and faithfully in the Sabbath school here and at each Christmas tide never forgot even the smallest one, and we all send her a Happy New Year's Greeting.

We wish the editor of the PATRON AND GLEANER and all of the staff a Happy New Year and many returns of the same.
M. J. O.

Your Vitality?

The essence of life is force. Every breath you breathe, every heart beat, every motion of your hand, takes force. The measure of force we call vitality. If this is lacking, there is loss of flesh, lack of resistive power, a tendency to catch disease easily, especially a tendency to Consumption. For low vitality nothing is better than Scott's Emulsion. It supplies force by furnishing the nourishing, strengthening elements of food in an easily digested form; enriches the blood, and builds up the system. When ordinary food is of no avail, Scott's Emulsion will supply the body with all the vital elements of life.

Two sizes, 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.
If you will ask for it we will send you a book telling you all about Scott's Emulsion. Free.

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Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

Bryantown Locals.

Revs. Rufus Bradley and Franklin DeLoach passed through here yesterday en route to their respective charges at Scotland Neck and Williamston.

One case of whooping cough in town.

A reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Sawyer at the residence of Mr. Lawrence Boone yesterday at which quite a number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Mrs. Boone had one of those elegant dinners prepared for which she is noted. All present spent a delightful day. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are spending a few days here and seem to be enjoying their stay very much.

The Whole Story

Of the great sales attained and great cures accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla is quickly told. It purifies and enriches the blood, tones the stomach and gives strength and vigor. Disease cannot enter the system fortified by the rich, red blood which comes by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists, 25c.

The Long Polar Night.

Generally speaking, we figure Europe as being wholly within the temperate zone, but when we come to investigate matters, we find that North Cape (the most northerly point of Norway) is in the shadow of the North Pole. At that point you can see the "midnight sun" in all his ghastliness, that great luminary being constantly above the horizon from May 5 to August 6, or just one day over three months. But the long wintry night makes up for this 100 days of constant sunshine. It begins on September 22 and constantly increases in length until November 6, when the "polar night" commences in earnest, the sun never appearing above the horizon from the last-mentioned date until February 5, one day less than three months.

CORN!

Our Car Load of White Corn has arrived. We offer it for sale cheap. Let us sell you what you need.

BUXTON & BAUGHAM,
Rich Square, N. C.

DON'T FORGET

J. J. Lassiter is still in the horse business—buying, trading, selling, etc. Has several now. Call to see him.

WHITE CORN!

Just received a Car Load of nice White Corn which I will sell at Potocasi Depot every Friday morning at 45 cents per bushel.

Also SALT at 50 and 55 cents and \$1.10 per sack.
J. J. PARKER,
Dec. 2, 1896. LASKET, N. C.

The PATRON AND GLEANER and North Carolinian only \$1.50 per year.

Doing Little Things Well.

Young people are apt to be impatient, forgetting that "trifles make up the sum of life," just as, in building, single bricks laid one at a time, one upon another, combine to make the towering and solid wall. Here is a little story which illustrates the importance of little things:

A young man having exhausted his patrimony in obtaining a professional education, settled himself in a town already filled with successful lawyers to practice law. One day one of these old lawyers asked him how, under such circumstances, he expected to make a living. "I hope I may get a little practice," was the modest reply. "It will be very little," said the lawyer. "Then I will do that little well," answered the young man decidedly. He carried out his determination. The little things well done brought larger ones, and in time he became one of the most distinguished jurists in his State.

Again, a certain old bishop, who was fond of finding odd characters in out-of-the-way places, was visiting in a quiet neighborhood. One day, in a walk with a friend, he came to a cross-road settlement, with a few houses. Among them was a snug little shoe-shop, kept by an old man.

Interested in the old cobbler, the bishop stopped for a chat. "My friend," he said, "I would not think so small a business as mending shoes would pay so well."

"Ah," said the gentleman with him, "old Cato has the monopoly of shoe mending in this region. No one else gets a job."

"How is that, Cato?" asked the bishop. "Just so," replied Cato. "It is only little patches put on with little stitches or tiny pegs. But when I take a stitch, it is a stitch, and, when I drive a peg, it holds. Little things well done."—Christian Herald.

GUNS, GUNS.

We have just received a large stock of Breech Loading Guns which we are selling at from \$6.50 to \$12.00 each.

WEAVER & LASSITER,
Rich Square, N. C.

SALT

A Car Load just in and going at very low prices.

J. A. BUXTON & CO.,
Jackson, N. C.

WANTED!

50,000 Bushels Cotton Seed. Will pay highest market prices for same.

BUXTON & BAUGHAM,
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STORE FOR RENT.

The large storehouse and lot in Rich Square now occupied by John Baugham, for rent for the year 1897. Apply to ALBERT VANS, Rich Square, or D. C. POWELL, Jacksonville, Va.

subscribe for the PATRON AND GLEANER.

NOW IS THE TIME To Secure Some Valuable Lots in the Thriving, Beautiful Town of Jackson, N. C.

WILL BE SOLD ON MONDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1897, IN JACKSON, N. C. THE FOLLOWING LOTS: The new residence and lot north of the depot now occupied by Capt. Ehrhart, and about 8 or 10 vacant lots on the same street, and on the same side of street and between depot and courthouse. TERMS: One-half cash, balance in 6 and 12 months, or all cash if purchaser prefers.

Sale will begin at one o'clock on premises. These lots, being situated on the main street leading from Railroad depot to the Courthouse are particularly valuable as business lots.

Persons contemplating engaging in the mercantile business, or in manufacturing, or desirous of making safe investments should not miss this opportunity.

J. A. BUXTON,

As surviving partner of J. A. Buxton & Co.