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BAPTIST Church of Charleston.—Service in Academy at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. on second and third Sunday of every month. Preaching and Church Conference on Saturday before third Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. G. H. CHURCH, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOUTH.—Church on Main street, Charleston. Rev. P. P. McLEAN Pastor. Services fourth Sunday in every month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., and on Saturday before.

Rev. P. P. McLean has also the following appointments: Shovel creek first Sunday in every month and Saturday before at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

Whittier, second Sunday in every month and Saturday before at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Praying meeting every Wednesday night. Withers chapel third Sunday in every month and Saturday before at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting every Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

MC ZION BAPTIST Church.—Judson N. C. Rev. J. P. Panther Pastor. Services first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before.

Union Sunday School at Charleston. Services in Academy at 3 p. m. every Sunday. D. K. Collins Superintendent.

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LOCALS.

F. H. Wiggins is building a stable across the branch from his house.

Another car loaded with furniture for Swain Hotel arrived on Friday. Mr. I. B. Conley shipped to Bushnell's last week four carloads of logs, that measured 2,800 feet.

We are glad to see the work of building sidewalks so promptly and thoroughly taken up. Everett street looks better already. Our village needs walking and truly, we think we hear it yawn.

In the Harris-Taylor cutting affair at Sylva, mentioned in last week's issue of the HERALD, Taylor's examination was held on Tuesday morning last. He was cleared, and released from custody.

A. M. Fry's fine place on the hill south of the village is receiving a substantial addition. We think it a pity so fine a house should be so long without a mistress, but who knows what the addition may mean?

Landlord Blackburn is disgruntled at the failure of the Asheville Furniture Co. to send on all the furniture he ordered, and just the kind he ordered. Nevertheless the inside of Swain Hotel is fast assuming a habitable aspect.

Men and teams have been at work the past week gathering up the logs left along the river by the floods in November. They were employed by Mr. J. J. Jarrett of Dillsborough. The logs—five or six car loads—were taken to Dillsborough by rail.

The mayor and aldermen have been investigating the advisability and cost of giving our streets some artificial light. We hope they will not stop with an investigation but proceed to put up lamps and keep the same trimmed and burning when occasion requires. Some of these dark nights they are badly needed.

The Baptist church of Charleston partially completed the organization of a Sunday school last Sunday evening. D. K. Collins was elected Superintendent, J. S. Elmore, secretary and librarian and J. M. Welch treasurer. Six classes will be organized and teachers selected next Sunday.

Capt. A. F. Rice was out last Thursday looking up his 640 acre tract four miles south-east of town. He showed us a fine piece of marble which he picked up there, and reports lots of it in sight. This ought to prove a valuable find, as the lay of the land will permit an easy wagon road to the railroad.

Grandsir Brindle was in town Tuesday, cracking jokes in as lively a manner as a boy. He is one of the oldest citizens of the county, was 85 last May and expressed deep regret that failing eyesight will deprive him of the pleasure of reading the HERALD. He came in from his place on Alarka creek, five miles out, on horseback.

The M. E. Church South, organized a Sunday school last Sunday, as previously announced in the HERALD. I. B. Conley was elected Superintendent, W. Bryson secretary, T. Conley treasurer. Five classes were provided for with teachers as follows:—Mrs. Massie, Mrs. Allison, Miss Finger, W. K. McLean, and G. W. Battle. Fifty-three pupils were enrolled.

Matt Massey brought in a fine young wild turkey gobbler, Friday, which he shot on Land's creek while coming to town. The bird weighed twelve pounds and was in excellent condition. We know, because we helped eat him. Matt extended a cordial invitation to us to visit him in the proper season, and promised turkey shooting and trout fishing till we could not back in the proceeds thereof. We hope to accept.

Of two facts of interest connected with the quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church South, mentioned in last week's issue we have just been informed. One hundred dollars of the sum to clear the church from debt, was voted by the Extension Board of the church at the conference last fall. A committee, consisting of Rev. P. P. McLean, W. H. Cooper and J. M. Glance was appointed to make arrangements for building a church on the site donated by Mrs. Patterson.

What's the use of that mud-hole just south of the HERALD office? A few more loads of gravel would help matters, or a short ditch to the branch on Col. Bryson's land would prove a permanent corrective. We feel quite confident that permission could be obtained from the Col. to dig one, as it would benefit him by draining a low spot in his field. As it is, all the traffic to and from the depot and all farmers coming in from the north-west have to pass through this spot to the great discomfort of both men and teams.

Sheriff Welch has deposited the state tax for Swain county, amounting to \$1,154.25 in the Bank of Asheville.

We want some good apples. Some that look good as well as taste so. We will take a bushell on subscription any day.

We are in receipt of a communication, which came too late for insertion this week. We shall see the writer in person about it.

Some of the young folks who attended the Christmas tree at Whittier did not return till Thursday. That speaks well for the hospitality of our neighbors.

Tuesday at 12 m., deputy sheriff W. K. McLean sold at auction, upon a chattel mortgage given by F. M. Miles to J. M. Rice, one cow for \$6, and one steer for \$12.50.

J. M. Robison informs us that he contemplates moving his saw-mill into the hills north-west of town, where there is a fine growth of pine, and whence he can better supply the growing demand at this point.

Don't be bashful, gentlemen. We cannot see all of you in person. Just send that subscription to us through the mail and we will receipt for the same promptly. We need the money.

The *Tuckasee Democrat* published at Sylva, has changed hands. Gen. E. R. Hampton retiring on account of press of other business, and R. L. Madison and E. A. Luck Jr. assuming control. We wish them abundant measure of success.

On Monday evening a suit was tried before Justice E. Everett Esq. in which D. K. Collins was plaintiff and R. O. Patterson was defendant. The suit arose out of a misunderstanding about a contract for some corn. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$30.75 and costs.

Hon. K. Elias of Franklin was in town Monday for the purpose of meeting some of the Cherokees and consulting with them regarding the suit of Brown vs. Brown wherein their lands come in question. Mr. Elias called at our office and, of course, wants to read the HERALD regularly.

Messrs. Conley & Crisp report the probable sale of a fine gold property on Nantahala river to Chicago parties for \$15,000. The assays of the rock run from \$7.44 to \$135 per ton and no special efforts made to develop the vein. The Chicago parties are expected on the 22d instant to complete the trade.

The weather continues mild. We have had an alternation of rain and sunshine during the past week, with a preponderance of the latter. So far there has been no possible chance to harvest ice at this point. As we are making up the paper, there is a decided coolness creeping over the mountains from the west.

Clean up the streets. While we are making so many improvements in town, let us be a little more careful about the appearance of the streets. A woodpile is ornamental only when on your own private property and near the back door. When on the street or public square it is unsightly and verges near being a nuisance.

We have a grievance. Not one of much magnitude but nevertheless it exists. Somebody left our front gate open and ten or a dozen pigs that were running on the street came into the yard and used their noses to such bad effect that our lawn and garden are all torn up. Now we don't object at all to people passing through our yard, if only they will close the gate. Neither have we any special grievance against the pigs—when in their proper place—but are the public streets just that place?

M. P. Cline called on the HERALD Wednesday morning. Mr. Cline started that afternoon for Plattsburg Missouri which will be his home for an indefinite time. His family accompany him as far as Marietta Ga. where they will remain with relatives for some months. The HERALD will follow Mr. Cline to his new home, and we feel sure that the news it will tell him of his old home in the mountains, will be so cheering we shall shortly see him back here. We wish him success, as heartily as he wished it to us.

A CARD.

Sheriff Z. V. Welch returns his thanks to the good people of Swain for their hearty support in past elections, and hopes a continuation of their approbation. He also thanks them for promptness in the payment of their tax for 1888, and hopes that all who have not yet settled will come forward at once and make payment.

PERSONALS.

J. W. R. Cline has returned from Charleston, S. C.

G. H. Smathers Esq. spent Sunday in Charleston.

G. W. Dean of Macon county was in Charleston Monday.

A. C. Wiggins of Macon county was in Charleston Monday on business.

Mr. W. B. Randall returned on Friday from a visit to Buncome county.

Daisy and Carrie Cantrell went to Asheville Friday to visit their grand-parents.

Mr. W. C. Mendenhall went to Asheville Monday to be gone two or three days.

Senator L. J. Smith left on Friday's train for Raleigh.—*Tuckasee Democrat*, Jan. 5.

Mr. Jasper Allen of Scotts creek made Charleston a visit, Tuesday and Wednesday last.

Mr. David of Knoxville was in town Friday, buying furs. He took away quite a large bundle.

E. C. Fisher Esq. formerly of Charleston but now of Waynesville, was in town Monday on business.

Prof. D. W. Kerr returned on Monday evening from a business trip to Clay and Cherokee Counties.

J. R. Sawyer of Judson made us a call Monday. Like all the rest who come to see us, he subscribed.

Miss May Foute of Robbinsville, Graham county is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Ditmore and will stay two or three weeks.

Mr. T. Hill is in Jackson county this week, on business. He has the interests of the HERALD at heart and took along some sample copies.

W. A. Dorsey, from below Bushnell, was in town Monday and called on us to look up the status of the HERALD. He found us alive.

Messrs. William Kerr of Erath county Texas, and Jesse Kerr of Whittier, visited their sister, Mrs. E. Everett in Charleston over Sunday.

Capt. Lester returned Monday from a week's tramp in the mountains in the north-east part of the county. As usual he was land looking.

Mr. A. J. Franklin has closed his term of school and come to Charleston to spend the remainder of the winter. He is clerking for J. B. Raby.

Dr. B. L. Davis is expected home about February first. The doctor has been attending medical lectures at the Southern Medical College, Atlanta, Ga.

Hon. J. A. Frauks left last Friday morning for Raleigh. The HERALD will be on his desk every week and keep him fully informed of matters at home.

A. H. Welch was the guest of his brother the Sheriff, on Monday. Mr. Welch is particularly noticeable for his beard, which measures three feet four inches from the tip of his chin, to the end of the hair. Naturally he is quite proud of it.

H. E. Fairbanks, of Asheville will make Charleston his home in the future. He worked at his trade of plasterer on Blackburn's hotel and the Methodist church, this fall and liked the town so well he could not stay away.

Prof. Caler of the Cold Spring school was in town Saturday and called at the HERALD office. He reports fifty pupils in attendance. The Prof. brought his camera along and fixed the features of Sheriff Welch's family.

Messrs. T. J. Ferguson and F. J. Jones of Sandy Mush, Buncome County and J. L. Randall of Leicester, Buncome County have been visiting in and around Charleston for a few days. They returned to their homes Tuesday morning.

Messrs. R. Carver and Joel L. Crisp of Graham county, started for Raleigh last Saturday. Mr. Carver goes as representative-elect to the House from Graham county, and Mr. Crisp, we are informed, goes along for the purpose of contesting the election.

W. T. and A. H. Elmore left the first of the week for Calhoun, Bushnell and Stecoah. They are looking for cattle, sheep and hogs. They were wise and provided themselves with several sample copies of the HERALD to use on the way. We wish them a successful trip.

DEATHS.

DIED at his home on Scotts Creek Jackson county, on Thursday last, Thomas Estes aged eighty three. Deceased had lived in Jackson county for fifty years, excepting a short time when he was a resident of Swain County.

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