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**PRESBYTERIAN** Society of Charleston.—Services on first Sunday of every month in Academy, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. SAMPLE, Pastor.

**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 Saturdays before.

Rev. P. P. McLean, has also the following appointments: Showel 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. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Wichers 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 9 a. m.

**Mr. Zion Baptist Church**, Jackson N. C. Rev. J. P. BANTLER, Pastor. Services first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before.

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## LOCALS.

**Notice.**  
By an act of the Legislature passed Jan. 17th, 1889, the name of the village of Charleston Swain County N. C. was changed to Bryson City. Application has been made to the Postoffice Department at Washington to have the name of the postoffice changed to correspond. Notice of the change will be promptly given in the HERALD.

The heavy rains last week made the roads quite muddy.  
The thermometer was above 50 degrees, all day Saturday.

Eggs are selling at 7 cents per dozen, at Franklin. So says the Press.

A flock of wild turkeys are reported in the woods east of Deep creek.

Landlord Blackburn is getting the material on the ground for a plank sidewalk in front of his property.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the public meeting of the Board of Aldermen was not held on Saturday.

The sick of our town, Mr. N. G. Allman and Revs. Barnett and Sample, we are glad to say are convalescing.—*Franklin Press.*

During the heavy rain Saturday night, the telegraph line over the Balsam got down and has occasioned much trouble and delay at all stations west of there.

We want a garden spot cleared on our lots. Will not come one on and work out his subscription to the paper in this way? We want it done right away.

It is none too early to give your plows and other farm tools an overhauling. Do it now before the time for using them is at hand, and then you will be rushed to get the ground ready in season.

We want to brag a little on our issue of last week. Mr. Will Lake who set up the whole paper had been at work at the cases only about two weeks. He learned all he knows about the business here in the HERALD office. Can any other novice, claim a better record?

A letter was posted at the Post Office here at Topion last week whose superscription is as follows:  
Oh, let me travel at a rapid rate,  
To Swain county and N. C. State,  
And at Charleston let me stay,  
Until Miss Annie Massie shall come or send and take me away.  
Topion correspondent in *Murphy Advance.*

Whittier troubled with mumps. Nearly every family in town has one or more cases. We understand the trouble dates from the Christmas tree. Some one attended the festivities who was in a condition to impart the disease and the warm crowded room was very favorable to that end. People should use extreme care about exposing others to such contagion.

The blizzard came and went. On Monday the wind blew some and there was some snow in the air all day. By night the ground was whitened and it was cold enough not to thaw. Tuesday morning the mercury stood at 12 degrees above zero. The sun came out clear and warm and by 2 o'clock the snow in the valley was all gone. That's what sort of a blizzard we had.

A boy was killed by the road train on the Balsams last week. He persisted in jumping on the moving train even after he had been warned of the danger by the train men. He attempted to jump on a flat car while the train was in a cut, and slipping was thrown under the wheels. His body was horribly mangled and death was instantaneous. We hope our younger readers will take warning from this. No one but an expert should attempt boarding or leaving a moving train, and then only in extreme cases.

Miss Julia Conley was treated to a party Saturday. It was intended for a surprise party but, as is usually the case, that feature of the evening was effectually removed three or four days beforehand. The occasion was her sixteenth birthday anniversary. A dozen of her friends were present and enjoyed themselves with games and conversation until the lateness of the hour warned them of the approaching Sabbath. Spite of the rain and mud, a good time was had by all. Miss Julia was the recipient of a number of valuable and useful presents.

A carload of locust pins was shipped from this place last Thursday. The locust pin business has grown to quite large proportions under the management of J. W. L. Arthur of Whittier. He, we believe, is the only shipper from this section, and sends all his pins to Maine and Nova Scotia where they are known as "treenails", and are used in ship building. The mountains of W. N. C. furnish a large proportion of the treenails needed by ship builders along the Atlantic, and the sup-

ply is far from being exhausted. We think that more locust is used for fence posts than for pins. This is only one of our least important timbers.

A petition to the Legislature against the repeal of the local option law, so called, for Swain county was circulated Friday. It was signed by many citizens of Bryson City and forwarded on Saturday.

Ban. Lake and Jim. Franks played a good joke on most of the merchants, clerks and their customers last Thursday. The boys procured an old case and cigar box, covered them with a cloth and proceeded to take pictures. As Ban was known to have some experience in photography, the scheme worked like a charm. Everybody turned out and struck attitudes, and the boys say that the way John Everett pulled out his mustache and deposited his form in elegant posture, was enough to break the hearts of all the ladies in the country. The laugh came when the cloth was raised disclosing the sham outfit.

We make the following extracts from the Franklin Press of the 24th instant, relative to the death of Capt. Crawford of Macon county, mention of which had occurred was made in the HERALD of the same date. "There were no marks of violence on any part of his person to indicate foul play, and it is not known, and perhaps never will be, just how it happened, but it is well known that his health for some time past has not been good, and for the last week or two had complained of an almost constant pain in his left breast and side and near the region of the heart, and he had expressed fears that he would have pneumonia if he did not get relief." He left home about 8 o'clock in the morning, the family supposing he had gone to town. Between 11 and 12 o'clock, a lad found his coat in the canoe on his fish pond. He informed the Captains son, Mr. Lee Crawford, who caused the pond to be drained and the lifeless body of the Captain was discovered. "The theory advanced and which we believe to be the correct one, is that he walked up to the fish pond, found a leak in the dam, got into the canoe and pulled off his coat and hat, as he had often done before, with the view of trying to stop the leak, and that an attack of heart disease—of which the pain in the breast was a premonition—was the cause of his death, he falling into the water from which he was unable to extricate himself, died."

**Quarterly Conference.**  
The Methodist Church South held its quarterly conference last Saturday. Dr. G. M. Massie was selected as class leader, Mr. I. B. Conley assistant class leader, Mr. W. A. Gibson Secretary. The Stewards of the church reported \$14. collected so far this year to apply on church purposes. I. B. Conley, superintendent of the Sunday School reported a flourishing condition in that adjunct to the church, 65 members have been enrolled. A. B. Allison and E. Everett were appointed a committee to look after the needs of the children of Alonzo Barnes, who are desirous of attending the Sunday School. A collection was taken up to be used in providing them with proper clothing, \$5.25 being realized. Mr. I. B. Conley was appointed to make further collections for the benefit of these and other needy children. At the session of the Sunday School Sunday morning, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the children of A. L. Bumgarner which netted \$2.45.

**A Whirl From Whittier.**  
Whittier Jan. 28th.  
Our merchants are busy every day, which indicates a lively trade.

Having seen nothing in your paper from our place, I thought I would give you a few items.

Our enterprising friend J. R. Thomas is loading cars with paving rock for the streets of Asheville.

The log and lumber business is still lively here, and Mr. J. W. L. Arthur is keeping things lively a found the depot, handling locust treenails for some ship yards in Maine. He has shipped several car loads recently the last one leaving here last Saturday, and another car is here now to be loaded tomorrow. The mumps are still raging, have had about 50 cases during the last week. I think the material is nearly exhausted, and we will soon be freed from them. Dr. Jenkin's family dined on baked opossim yesterday. The opossim attempted to make his supper off a fine plymouth rock hen Saturday night, but the doctor's son and daughter turned the tables on him completely.

CITIZEN.

## PERSONALS.

O. K. Barden is at the cases again. L. M. C. Olivers of N. Y. was in town last Thursday.

Capt. Everett and A. M. Fry were at Whittier Monday.

R. L. Leatherwood Esq. went to Asheville Wednesday, on business. J. W. Justice went to Asheville Monday for a short visit with relatives.

D. K. Collins went to Knoxville Tenn. Thursday to be gone about a week.

Mrs. A. M. Bennett is visiting her parents on Showel creek for a few days.

Prof. J. C. Brown was at Whittier, Tuesday trying to dispose of a tobacco crop.

J. W. L. Arthur of Whittier was able to make Bryson City a visit Thursday.

John Hart came down from Asheville Thursday. He took several orders for work.

Mrs. Finger has been quite sick since Sunday, but we are glad to say is improving.

Henry McLean spent most of last week on the Balsam. He returned Saturday.

Will Elmore is down with the mumps, and Aleck, is dodging. Will is not very bad off.

County superintendent of schools, J. S. Smiley was in town Monday, and made the HERALD office a call.

Capt. M. A. Gee, of Bushnell was in town over night, Tuesday the guest of Capt. and Mrs. E. Everett.

Miss Hattie Bryson of Dillsborough went to Bushnell last Friday and visited Miss Winner over Sunday.

Capt. Lester returned to his home at Fairfax, last week. The Captain had not been home before in about two months.

Mrs. Hicks Wilson and daughter and Master Scroop Enloe, made Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allison a visit the past week.

Hon. J. A. Franks writes Mr. I. B. Conley, that he will be in town next Monday to attend the commissioners court, and see his friends.

Capt. Lester returned to Bryson City Tuesday. He handed in the name of another subscriber to the HERALD which is always pleasant to us.

D. G. Meadows of Macon county came in Tuesday with a carload of cattle and sheep, which he will ship at this station. He puts up at J. S. Elmore's.

Jesse Kerr came down from Whittier Tuesday. He had a suspicious soreness in his throat, and wanted the ministrations of his sister, Mrs. E. Everett.

J. C. Cogdill of Bushnell came to Bryson City, Tuesday on business. We were very glad to see Mr. C. He knows just how to touch the heart of a newspaper man.

Sylvia is puffed up with the prospect of a \$40,000. kaolin plant. When their little beds of mineral are exhausted, enough more can be had near Bryson City to supply the world for years and years.

B. H. Cathey living near Quallatown in Jackson county, came to Bryson City Monday, to try and make a lease for the Mendenhall hotel property. We like Mr. Cathey's looks and wish him success.

Dr. R. L. Davis, returned from Atlanta Ga. Monday morning on the train from Jarretts. The doctor has been attending lectures at the Southern Medical College in Atlanta. His looks would indicate a term of hard close work.

R. P. Blake of Fletchers, Henderson Co. made Bryson City a call Tuesday. He stayed all night at Swain Hotel. Land is what interests him and the HERALD will hereafter keep him informed as to transactions therein in Swain county.

Rev. J. C. Troy of Murphy came in on the train Wednesday. He will remain several days and hold divine services at the Methodist church. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Conley. Mrs. Troy accompanied her husband to this place, but went on to High Point to visit her parents.

Messrs. Hartwick and Sanderson took the west bound train Monday. They will look the country over pretty thoroughly between here and Murphy returning in the course of two or three weeks.

They are back already. They went as far as Jarretts, found no hack line running, as advertised in the Murphy papers, saw a man who had been there and could tell them all about it—and show figures to boot, and here they are back in the Garden of the Mountains, Bryson City.

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