

# THE CAUCASIAN

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## Index to New Advertisements.

Notice.—J. M. Spell. Ladies.—Moore & Stanford. Notice to Creditors.—A. H. King. Legal Notice.—Mrs. Josephine Watson.

## LOCALS.

—Miss L. A. Alby opened her school last Thursday.

—The drummers for the past week have been very numerous around here.

—We congratulate Mr. Doc Hobbs on another addition to his family on the 5th inst.

—Josh Wilson a very respectable colored man of Warsaw has put up a store in Clinton.

—Messrs. Cherry and Rich are building Livery and feed stables on Fayetteville street.

—Mr. B. F. Powell had some very fine peaches at his store last Saturday, a sample of which we much enjoyed.

—Some of the finest grapes we have seen this year were brought to our office by Mr. J. L. Smith on Tuesday.

—A very interesting communication from a member of Alliance No. 579 was crowded out of this issue. We are sorry.

—The many friends of the Rev. Neal Anderson will congratulate him in the addition of a very handsome boy to his family.

—The singing at the Baptist church Sunday night was very good. The choir consists of some of our best singers and musicians.

—The Sampson Light Infantry had their regular monthly drill last Friday, Capt. T. H. Partrick commanding. They did very well.

—A very interesting and newsy letter from Benson was unavoidably crowded out last week. We hope to hear from our correspondent again.

—The Clinton train was three hours late Saturday night. The regular train on the main line was late on account of a washout above Richmond.

—The Clinton Crate Factory, which has been stopped for some time on account of the excessive rain commenced work again Monday.

—The first bale of new cotton was brought in town Monday by one of Sampson's most progressive and successful farmers, Mr. Rufus Herring. It was sold to G. A. Clute for 75-16.

—Mr. French McQueen, who has been with us for the past two seasons buying cotton for Messrs. Williams & Murchison, will be here again and will represent the same firm.

—There was a very large crowd in town last Saturday and Monday. Saturday was the meeting of the Alliance, and the county Commissioners and Board of Education met on Monday.

—There will be an excursion to Goldsboro during the Fair on the 16th inst. The fare, round trip, \$1.60. The train leaves here at 6:30 a. m., returning leaves Goldsboro 6 p. m. same day.

—The finest cotton that we have heard of this season is on the Capt. Faison place in town. The rows, 6 feet apart, are completely lapped, and it will average over 6 feet high after being topped.

—Mr. Matt. J. Pearsall, who was one of the Star's special reporters during the Encampment, is now on the staff of THE CLINTON CAUCASIAN. He has the best wishes of the Star.—Wilmington Star.

—A very interesting and earnest Union service was held at the Baptist church Sunday night conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ashby of the Methodist church and Rev. Mr. Meeks of the Baptist church. "Unity and Prayer" were the subjects discussed.

—We regret to lose Mr. J. E. Fowler, the Assistant County Lecturer of the Alliance, who goes to Cumberland county to take charge of a very flourishing school at Hickory. Mr. Fowler is one of our most promising young countrymen, and we wish him much success.

—Sampson will be well represented in numbers as well as talent at Wake Forest this year. Among those who have left are Messrs. E. H. Hobbs, Anderson Butler, Oscar Peterson, Ed. Alderman, W. A. Hobbs and Claude Peterson.

—An effort is being made to have the Clinton train run to Warsaw at the evening and in the morning during the Fife meeting. We hope this will be done, as the number of persons coming here will be large enough to pay this extra run.

—Mr. Matt. J. Pearsall has accepted a position on the staff of THE CLINTON CAUCASIAN. He graduated with honor at the University, and has since been on the staff of the Wilmington Star. He is an accomplished young gentleman and will prove a valuable addition to the State Press.—State Chronicle.

—Mr. Henry E. Faison, a prominent and progressive citizen of Clinton, Sampson county, who has been on a visit the past week or so, has returned home delighted with Mr. Alby and intimates that he intends to bring several of his people here to live. Our citizens are ready to welcome all such good citizens.—Yadkin Valley News.

## —We would call the attention of the town authorities to two needed improvements in town. One is the bridge near the postoffice, at the corner of Mr. C. P. Johnson's lot. It is entirely too narrow for two; and there is a mud hole in front of the Murphy House which is very disagreeable. The change should be made before next week, when there will be a large crowd here.

## The Fife Meeting.

The religious union service by the "Drummer Evangelist," W. P. Fife will begin next Sunday, 13th inst. The large tent with a seating capacity of 1500 to 2000 will be put up this week in the vacant lot back of Dr. Lee's Drug Store. This week union prayer meeting will be held every night at the Presbyterian church. The choir for this meeting will practice every night after prayer meeting. The Pittsylvania Tribune of Chatham Va., where Mr. Fife is now preaching says, "Chatham has never witnessed such far reaching and glorious revival of religion as the one through which we have just passed. When Mr. Fife began he had two things to contend with, a protracted season of rainy weather and some opposition on the part of some. The first difficulty remained, but the latter entirely disappeared before the end. His earnestness was intense. His knowledge of the Bible wonderful, his exposition of the Scripture was plain, direct and to the point, and his prayers were from the heart. Every one was impressed with his consecration. His methods were fair and very simple. During the meeting some 175 persons made open profession. The town was thoroughly aroused. Business was practically suspended and religion the subject of conversation of all. There was no clap-trap, or novel means used. Great stress was placed on frequent invocations made for the Holy Spirit. The results were grand. Men, women and children were at nearly every service brought to Christ. Lawyers, merchants, farmers, the clerk of a court, a judge, a commonwealth's attorney, a county superintendent of schools, clerks, a doctor and many others made professions."

## Thomson—Williams.

On last Tuesday, September 8th, at 2:30 P. M., Mr. William S. Thomson and Miss Sarah Appia Williams were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Colin Shaw at Oak Plains church in Taylor's Bridge township, near the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. J. Williams. Mr. Marion Butler was the groom's best man and Miss Mary Lou Williams was bridesmaid. A large number of friends of the contracting parties were out to witness the happy event. The ceremony over, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomson stepped from the church into a carriage to catch the Southern bound train at Magnolia for Cordele, Georgia. Mr. Thomson, who practiced law here for several years, and was mayor of the town, is a member of the law firm of Thomson & Littlejohn at Cordele. "Miss Phil" as every one called, Miss Williams, is a most estimable lady, and Sampson regrets to lose such a charming character. This CAUCASIAN extends its best wishes to the happy couple and its congratulations to the town of Cordele.

## Cotton Mills in the State.

Mr. J. Robinson, our Commissioner of Agriculture, makes a good show up for our cotton factories. The number of cotton mill after the war was 60. In 1890 they were increased to 116, and this year there are now 134 of them in operation, being more than an average of one factory for every factory. Sampson county, one of the very largest and wealthiest of the counties has not a single mill in it, and it seems that is going to be our fix for some time. In the 3rd Congressional District, of nine counties, there are only four mills, three of them in one county, and this is one of the best cotton producing sections in the State. We make the cotton end send it off to be manufactured and some one else realizes the profits.

## Swore Him on Bushee's Justice.

In a recent court of a Sampson Justice of the Peace, a witness was called up to testify in a cause. The Bible lay upon a table with a number of other books, and by mistake Bushee's N. C. Justice and Form Book was handed the witness upon which the oath was administered. The Justice never discovered his mistake, and the witness kissed the book with the usual reverence, and never knew but what he had been sworn upon the Bible.

## Cobb—Fennell.

Married, Miss Delisle Fennell to Rev. N. B. Cobb, of Raleigh. This very happy event took place near Harrell's Store last Thursday, the 3rd. Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of Wilmington, officiating. Miss Fennell is a daughter of the late Mr. Owen Fennell, and is one of our most popular and cultured ladies. Dr. Cobb is a very able and distinguished Baptist divine. They have the best wishes and congratulations of THE CAUCASIAN.

## A Promising Young Boy.

The many friends of Mr. Wyatt DeVane, a former resident of Clinton, now of Winston, will be pleased to hear that he has left for Davidson College to take a course preparatory to enter the Presbyterian ministry. Wyatt is an exceptionally bright boy, and we predict for him a brilliant future.

## A FIEND LYNCHED!

### THE SPEEDY FALLING OF THE HAND OF JUSTICE.

### An Ex-Convict Assaults an Aged Lady and is Swung to a Telegraph Pole.

On last Saturday evening M. Best, a colored ex-convict, attempted a criminal assault upon Mrs. Robert W. Peterson, who lives near Garland, in this county. The following account was obtained from the evidence given before the Coroner's Jury:

Mrs. Peterson is just 55 years of age and was going alone to the house of her son, who lived near by, when Best approached her from behind and dealt her a severe blow on the head. She fell stunned to the ground, and notwithstanding the efforts of her servant to choke her, screamed several times and attracted the attention of a negro woman who was not far away. This woman ran to Mrs. Peterson's assistance and recognized the frightened find as her runaway. The alarm was sent out and the indignant citizens of the community scoured the woods in every direction. Near midnight on the same evening Best was apprehended near Parkersburg, placed in the hands of the strong guard and confined in the warehouse of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad. Intelligence of the dastardly deed had flashed from home to home and awoke in the hearts of the usually peaceful and law-abiding citizens of the community, indignation, and a spirit of vengeance. At 11 o'clock a body of fifty masked and armed men approached the depot in which Best was confined, overpowered the guard and took their prisoner about a half mile up the Railroad. Here a beam was nailed to a telegraph pole, and Best was swung upon this beam with a small but strong cord. While dangling in the throes of death a bullet was fired through his body, hastening his wretched end. He had previously been identified by Mrs. Peterson and acknowledged the crime. The body hung here, observed by all passers by, until Monday evening when it was cut down by Coroner. Dr. R. H. Holliday, who proceeded to summon a jury, and held an inquest over the remains. The following named gentlemen composed the jury: J. A. Beaman, W. E. Watson, S. S. Armstrong, J. D. Johnson, J. A. McKenzie and H. H. Cromartie, who rendered a verdict that the deceased had met his death at the hands of a body of unknown men.

This is the first lynching that has occurred in Sampson county within our remembrance, and though a dangerous precedent, is justified by public sentiment, if not by law. A more fiendish deed has not been attempted in our community in many years, and citizens who have heretofore been content to let the law take its course, were wrought to such a pitch of rage that they took the law into their own hands and hastened the coming of justice. It is said Best was guilty of a similar crime in South Carolina, but escaped punishment. He bore a bad name and his countenance proclaimed him a deep-seated villain. He merited no better fate than he met, and only the manner of his death is to be deplored.

## Meeting of Board of Education.

The County Board of Education was in session on Monday the 7th of Sept., and transacted a large amount of business. Committees were appointed for the 142 school district. Messrs. A. W. Lamb, J. C. Lamb and C. T. Lamb were transferred from school district 65 white to 62 white. That portion of school district No. 23 white including the places of residence of Alsey Giles, David Willford and Sion Willford was annexed to school district 55, white. A petition signed by R. H. Hubbard and others asking that the town of Clinton be made a school district for whites, was presented and placed on file to consider in Jan. 1892, and the county Supt., ordered to give the proper notice. A petition was presented from school districts 40 and 41 colored, asking for changes in district lines. The petition was placed on file for hearing in Jan. 1892 and the county Superintendent ordered to give the proper notice.

## Fire.

The kitchen to the house on Fayetteville street owned by Mr. Warren Johnson, now occupied by Mr. Holl Sykes was burned Monday night about 12 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Besides the loss of the house, Mr. Sykes had all of his provisions in the kitchen, which was lost besides all the kitchen furniture. This is the second time Mr. Sykes has been burned out since he has been in Clinton. The dwelling was saved only after hard work. The promptness is which the people came out and the coolness displayed is very commendable.

## Died.

At his home in Clinton, Mr. Miles Jackson of malarial fever, on Sunday Sept. 6th. He had been sick but a short while. Mr. Jackson was born near Clinton Nov. 2, 1861. He was brought up here and had a great many friends. He has been in the employment of Mr. J. H. Royal, some time past. He was a kind man, and one of truth and honor. The funeral services were held by the pastors of the Baptist and Methodist churches. He leaves a wife to mourn her loss. We extend our sympathy in her sore affliction.

## Masonic Funeral.

Of the late Thomas W. Rose deceased, will be at the residence of Chas. M. Rose, of Johnston county on first Sunday in Oct., 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. All Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend. By order of Mill Creek Lodge No. 125.

## To Dispel Colds.

Headaches and Fevers, to cleanse the system effectually, yet gently, when costive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, use Syrup of Figs.

## ALL THROUGH SAMPSON.

### (Continued from Fourth Page.)

### MINGO.

Mr. Editor, as your old friend and brother, Mr. Stub, has been quiet so long, please allow me a short space in your excellent paper.

Mr. G. W. Naylor, one of Sampson's public school teachers, is teaching at McMillan's Chapel, Cumberland county.

Misses Ada Jackson and Georgia Hawley, two young and charming ladies have been spending a week at Dunn, N. C., where they seemed to be highly entertained by the young people and especially the young ladies.

### Salem Items.

Special Correspondent.) The excessive rains which have been so prevalent for the past few weeks have been a great hindrance to the farmers in this section in gathering their fodder and have made the cotton crop less favorable than formerly.

Mr. Alvin E. Royal who for several years has been merchandising for Capt. J. L. Autry at Clement, has purchased a farm in this section very recently and will return to live in the neighborhood of his former home. We are glad to have him among us again as he will be a good addition to the community.

Miss Katie Williams and Mr. Henry W. Butler left this week to enter school. The former at LaGrange, N. C., and the latter will matriculate at the State University.

There will be a musical concert in the P. S. Society Hall on Saturday night Sept. 8th. We hope a large crowd as the proceeds will be for a very valuable purpose.

Salem High School continues to increase in numbers; there were eleven additional pupils this week, the school now numbers forty seven having pupils from four counties. The prospects for the year are very fine.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Howard have gone on a visit to Mr. James Lamb near Lisbon. SALEMITE.

### A Great Success.

A very large and appreciative audience witnessed the Solace Musical concert given by the Misses Johnson last Thursday evening in Atkin's Hall. It was a very brilliant success in every respect. The pieces rendered were among the most difficult, as well as most famous compositions. Special selections from Bellini, Von Weber, Rossini, Haydn and Moszkowski were given.

The Misses Johnson are very promising Musicians. They have already attained to some national reputation by their performance in Boston and other Northern cities.

Miss Minnie Johnson's performance on the Violin was exceptionally fine. Her finished and scientific touch showed complete mastery of this instrument and the most difficult pieces.

The performance was greatly enhanced by recitation of Mrs. C. P. Johnson, who is a very fine elocutionist. It gave mirth as well as pathos to the entertainment. These young ladies have just completed their musical studies in the Conservatory at Boston, and graduated with high honors. Clinton is certainly to be congratulated in having such talent. They will give entertainments at different places in the State this fall, the proceeds for the benefit of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Asylum at Goldsboro.

## Death in Duplin.

It is with profound sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mr. John Middleton, which occurred at his home near Warsaw last Thursday the 3rd inst. Mr. Middleton was a young man just in the prime of life. He was a pure, honest, steady, kind and affectionate young man. He lived a consistent Christian life. He had been a member of the Presbyterian church at Warsaw for some time. THE CAUCASIAN extends its sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in their sad affliction.

## Dropped Dead.

Mr. James Shipp, the Supt. of the County Farm and poor house, fell dead in the lot Tuesday morning. He had just gone out to see about the stock, and had been out only a few minutes when he died. He was about 65 years old. He has had charge of the County Farm for a number of years. He was a man very highly respected, and a very good citizen in every respect. He will be greatly missed at the farm.

## PERSONALS.