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LOCAL.

—Mr. Stephen Herndon, of Cokesbury, S. C. is here.

—Nice fresh mackerel just received at A. W. Reedy's.

—Piedmont Seminary closed yesterday for a week's holiday.

—None better for the price—5 lb. coffee sold by J. Thos. McLean.

—John L. Cobb and W. W. Motz went to Charlotte Monday.

—Miss Bessie Davidson, of Chester, S. C., is visiting friends here.

—Miss Mamie Parker leaves Monday for her home in Fayetteville.

—Mr. S. E. Hoey passed through Lincolnton today enroute to Hickory.

—Miss May Crouse leaves today for a visit of several days at Gaffney, S. C.

—Prof. Charles L. Coon and B. A. Justice, Esq., went to Rutherfordton today.

—Prof. Silas McBee, of Swanee, Tenn., is spending Xmas at his father's.

—Miss Daisy Reinhardt returned yesterday from Charlotte to spend the holidays.

—Mr. Silas Wetmore, who is attending the A and M. College, Raleigh, is at home for a few days.

—Miss Sallie Hoke returned home from several week's visit to Charlotte.

—Miss Carrie McLean of Charlotte, will be home tonight to stay a few days.

—Miss Angie Caldwell, of Statesville, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. M. Lawing.

—Misses Mattie and Nellie Mundy, of Kildaville, visited at Mrs. A. Nixon's this week.

—Mr. A. Nixon's family leave today for Kildaville, where they will spend Christmas.

—Miss Flora Eudy left Monday for Danville, Va., where she will remain for some time.

—Mr. David Baker, of Shelby, brother of our townsman, Mr. E. C. Baker, was here this week.

—Misses Emma and Minnie Setzer who are attending Claremont College, Hickory, are at home for the holidays.

—The happy family—the family that bought their gifts from McLean. Groceries, Candy, Tobacco, China and Glass.

—Married at Orleans on Dec. 17th, T. M. Foster, Esq., officiating, Mr. James Ward, of Asheville, N. C., to Miss Etta Williams, of Lincoln county, N. C.

—Miss Ava Dellinger, of Cherryville, spent Friday night in Lincoln on her way home from Claremont College, Hickory.

—Mr. F. J. Leatherman, of Hull's Roads, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday and left his subscription for THE DEMOCRAT.

—Miss Mattie McLean, who has been teaching in the graded school at Statesville, came home Saturday to remain during the holidays.

—T. J. Ramsaur & Sons are adding new machinery to their already well equipped roller mills. Read what they have to say in another column.

—As the last month of leap year passes away the Register's report of the sale of 29 marriage license this month will show that the girls are not asleep.

—Dr. and Mrs. Henry Costner and little Lillian, of Chicago, who are visiting at the Doctor's father, Esq. A. Costner, at Costner's Mill, are spending a week with Dr. Thos. F. Costner in Lincolnton.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mamie Lewis, of this place, to Mr. John Granger, of Charleston, S. C., on December 30th. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's brother, Geo. Lewis, Camden, S. C. They have THE DEMOCRAT's best wishes.

—The time for the meeting of the C. & L. Railroad as published in last week's DEMOCRAT was incorrect and should have read "will meet at the Court House in Newton at 1 o'clock on Thursday, January 7, 1897."

—The 25th inst. being a legal holiday, the Bank of Lincolnton will be closed and the cashier will devote his time to the study of the workings of the Time Lock of the bank's Patent Screw Door and burglar proof Safe.

—Mr. L. J. Houser has sold his nice home in the south east square of town to Mr. H. S. Robinson. Mr. Houser has bought property in Anniston, Ala., and will move his family there in January. We are sorry to lose Mr. Houser and his pleasant family.

—Hon. M. H. Justice and S. Gallert, Esq., were in Lincolnton, before Judge W. A. Hoke this week on a motion to reduce the amount of alimony pendente lite allowed by Judge Bryan in Rutherfordton, in the case of Wood vs Wood. The alimony was reduced from twenty to ten dollars per month after the first twelve months.

—The following visiting friends were in Lincolnton to attend the Johnston-Saine marriage Wednesday: Mrs. H. H. Beard, of Yorkville, S. C., Mrs. J. K. Marshall, Chester, S. C., Miss Gertrude Hamner, Lexington, N. C., Rev. J. K. Hall, Guthersville, S. C., Prof. T. D. Johnston, Columbia, S. C., besides many of the friends of the bride and groom from Iron Station and other neighboring villages.

—Every voter in Lincoln county should take, read and file the last four issues of THE LINCOLN DEMOCRAT so he could study the financial condition of his County through the Clerk's and Register's annual report which is published in full showing the receipts and disbursements of the County since the 1st of Nov. 1895. Any one not subscribing to THE DEMOCRAT can get these back issues by coming in and having their names entered upon the mailing book at once.

—Death of an Aged Citizen. On Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock Mr. Joseph Jetton was missing from home, and upon inquiry and investigation he was found at his barn dead. He was about 76 years old and his family feared disease, of which he died. He lived near Reepsville, was a good citizen and kind father. Deceased was a father of Harvey, Chas. and James Jetton. He also leaves a wife and three daughters to be mourn their loss. THE DEMOCRAT extends its sympathy.

—Public Schools. The Public Schools in District No. 24, Lincolnton, will open on the first Monday in January 1897. One in Piedmont Seminary in charge of Prof. C. L. Coon, Principal, assisted by Misses Agnes Rice and Lula Dettler. One at Elm Grove in charge of Miss Ada Ramsay. There are 275 white children and youths in the district, 141 males and 134 females, and all are invited to attend the public schools until further notice. By order of the Committee.

—A. Nixon, Clk. Dec. 21, 1896.

—In Hard Luck. On last Saturday afternoon, Hon. L. A. Abernethy, of Machpelah, came to Lincolnton to examine public school teachers. He put his mule in a stall. The mule grew weary waiting for his master's return, broke out and began running. Finally his eye was attracted out the C. & L. Railroad and he turned his steps toward a trestle which he crossed successfully and continued to follow the tract until he came to a second trestle which he essayed to cross but was not so successful as he was in the first instance. He fell through and in attempting to extricate himself broke and mashed one of his legs from the knee down to the ankle and in other ways injured himself so seriously, humanity demanded that he be killed. R. M. Beal shot the mule and took Mr. Abernethy home. The mule was a good one and the loss is hard on Mr. Abernethy.

—The Bolingbroke club of London offers a purse of \$15,000 for the fight between Corbet and Fitzsimmons.

SAINÉ-JOHNSTON.

A Popular Young Couple Married Last Evening.

To Lincolnton and Lincoln county people the most interesting event of the season was the marriage in the first Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, 23rd inst. at 6 p. m. of Miss Bessie Douglas Johnston, the amiable daughter of Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and Dr. Jno. Wallace Saine, a rising young physician of this place.

The ceremony was performed in a beautiful and impressive manner by the father of the bride. The ushers were S. G. Finley, Esq., of Lincolnton and Mr. Robert Johnston, of Elizabeth City, Misses Bessie E. Ramsaur, May Crouse, Loula Abernethy, May Davidson, Jennie and Mary Knox Johnston acted as bride's maids and were as charming as the bride herself attired in simple but effective white costumes, with holly and mistletoe in their hands. Little Misses Hattie Ramsaur, Kate Roseman and Lena Reinhardt also attended the bride like tiny fairy sprites. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Mrs. A. W. Reedy. The church decorations of evergreens were artistic—a perfect bower of loveliness.

Long before time for the ceremony there was scarcely standing room in the church—both town and surrounding country being represented, thus showing, as well as by the numerous and valuable presents received, the high esteem in which this young pair is held. Dr. and Mrs. Saine left on the 7 p. m. train for a journey to places of interest, after having received the congratulations of their many friends.

To Our Patrons.

We greet our friends upon the eve of Christmas and hope the season will be a joyous one to each of them. We are at the close of another year which has been marked by many blessings and mercies. We may well lay aside, for a while, the cares which have been ours during the year, and be thankful for this opportunity of enjoying the many blessings of which we have been the recipients surrendering ourselves to the national enjoyment suggested by the season, which properly, should be the merriest of all the year.

Our force is anxious to participate as far as possible in laying aside their cares. Therefore, we take this opportunity for saying, there will be no issue of the DEMOCRAT until January 7th.

We thank our readers and advertisers for their liberal patronage for the year just closed.

We hope to be duly appreciative for the public's favor; we have striven to merit it in the past and shall increase our efforts in this direction in the coming year. We would like to retain all of our present patrons and add many more to our list for the year 1897. Excuse the harsh digression here below, but necessity dictates. As every one knows money has been and still is tight, notwithstanding the promises of our successful political finds, we have been patient, perhaps too lenient, with some people and by this means have accumulated more accounts on our book than we need. It is not enough to say we need the money, of course we do, badly, but if we did not need it and you owed us an honest debt you should pay it and you will if you are honest.

While others are taking holiday, this writer will be making out accounts, past due, and will send statements of the same to all in arrears. A statement is an invitation to settle, and we hope for an immediate response. If any one wants to do any business with us during the holidays do not hesitate to come right in.

Again, wishing a merry Christmas alike to saint and sinner, THE DEMOCRAT bows its adieu until January 7th 1897.

It may be worth noting that Mr. McKinley has not made a single speech promising sudden and unbounded prosperity since his election.—Charleston News and Courier.

The death rate among the convicts in the Alabama State prison at Birmingham has been running at the rate of 100 to the 1,000 per annum.

In Memoriam.

A Memorial Notice in the following tasty language has been received by THE DEMOCRAT and should have appeared last week but was too late for publication: Catherine Malvina Richardson. Born, April 10, 1873. Entered the Life Eternal, December 6, 1896, Woodside, North Carolina.

As we speak her name—our precious "Malvina"—the beauty of her brief life rises up before us, an eternal joy. We can only touch lightly upon the void in her home—the Parish School; under her charge—and the Sunday School of the Mission Church of Our Saviour where she worked so faithfully—and among her friends who loved her beyond words. In all she did, there was entire devotion to the work undertaken, large or small, trivial or important—to do it all, not only willingly but cheerfully—in a perfect way, joyous and helpful to others. Some only finish their allotted tasks in three, score years—her's was complete in twenty-three. She looked forward to her going for many weeks. At her request the young men of the Mission bore her to her resting-place.

Into the Realm Immortal, purest soul, She soared, and left us desolate!

The State Penitentiary.

The directors of the penitentiary will meet again January 5 to receive the report of Superintendent Leazer. The fiscal year of the penitentiary does not end till Dec. 31. The fiscal year of all the other institutions ends November 31. Superintendent Leazer will make a better showing this year than ever before. Notwithstanding a loss of \$60,000 by reason of freshets last spring on the State farms, he will have on hand after paying all the running expenses of the institution \$40,000 of created surplus, without having touched a dollar of the \$25,000 appropriation per year made by the last General Assembly. This appropriation was to cover running expenses, but it will revert back to the treasury.—News & Observer.

Married Over Again.

Last Sunday's Observer contained a notice of the marriage of Mr. Virgil Helms and Miss Lucy Hagar by J. K. Alexander, a newly-elected justice of the peace. It transpired that Mr. Alexander was without authority to perform the ceremony, as his term of office does not begin until next August, before which time he cannot qualify as a magistrate. This puts matters in an awkward shape for all parties concerned, but things were mended Tuesday night, when Mr Helms and Miss Hagar were married over again, Rev. W. G. White performing the ceremony.—Charlotte Observer.

Personal.

FREE—64-page medical reference book to any person afflicted with any special, chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & Co., 22 1/2 South Broad St., Atlanta, Ga. 7-1-96-ly.

And its a Pity, Too.

We hear frequently of schemes to increase the pay and terms of members of Congress, but no one seems to have hit on a plan for increasing their efficiency.—Washington Post.

The only man yet found who backs up Olney is Paramount Blount, who had the questionable honor of pulling down the American flag on Hawaii. He is a cuckoo, from Cuckooville.—News and Observer.

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Shot Down at his Desk.

W. G. Lake, of Knoxville, Tenn., who has been employed for three months past in the Singer Sewing Machine office in Charlotte as bookkeeper, was shot down at his desk last Friday by L. J. Kirk, janitor of the city hall building. The bullet passed through Lake's body, entering just over the heart, and lodging under the skin on his back. He was carried to his boarding-house, where two physicians attended him. He is still living, but the chances of his recovery are very slim. Kirk went into the office with the intention of killing T. B. Mangum, the city agent. Mangum had taken a sewing machine from Kirk's house because Kirk had failed to pay the installment money, and that incensed him. At the time Kirk entered the office Mangum was at dinner. Lake was posting books at his desk and answered Kirk's questions, when Kirk, without warning, drew a pistol and shot him. Kirk was drunk at the time. He was locked up.

The Observer of Tuesday says, the doctors are encouraged to hope that Mr. Lake will pull through. Last night the physicians reported his temperature only half a degree above normal. His condition is as good as they could expect and even better than they had hoped for.

Tutt's Pills

Cure All Liver Ills. Prevention better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent Sick Headache, dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, constipation, jaundice, torpid liver and kindred diseases.

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Land Sale!

North Carolina. In the superior court, Lincoln county, 1st before the clerk W. E. Cornwell, administrator of W. J. Cornwell, deceased, and J. F. Killian, executor of the same.

By virtue of a decree made by the clerk of the superior court of Lincoln county on the 12th day of June 1896, in the above entitled case, I will sell at public auction on

January 18th 1897, at the premises, to the highest bidder the following piece of land, lying in Lincoln county, North Carolina, to-wit: A certain tract of land, known as the J. W. Cornwell tract of land, and a full description of same reference is made to the deed from Jas. A. Cornwell to W. J. Cornwell, in the register's office of Lincoln county, N. C., and tract consisting of same more or less. Said land will be sold to an agent with which to pay debts of W. J. Cornwell, deceased, and to the balance of the purchase money to be paid in cash, remainder to be paid by notes and approved security payable at month after date of sale, with interest from date at 6 per cent. Title made all of purchase money to hold.

W. E. Cornwell, Adm'r. J. F. Killian, Ex'r. Dec 16 '96. W. E. Cornwell, Adm'r. J. F. Killian, Ex'r.

Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA, Office of Com'rs. Lincoln County, Nov. 25th, 1896. I, J. F. Killian, clerk of said board, do hereby certify that the following is a true statement of the number of days said board was in session from the first Monday in December 1895 to the first Monday in December 1896. Number of days each member served as commissioner, also number of miles traveled by each member.

Witness my hand and seal date above written. J. F. Killian, Clerk of the Board.

H. E. Ramsaur, chairman, served 11 days as commissioner \$28.00 13 days as committee 26.00 5 days services on School Board 10.00

Total \$64.00 D. A. Coon served 14 days as commissioner \$28.00 5 days as committee 10.00 120 miles travel 6.00 5 days services on School Board 10.00 20 miles travel 1.00

Total \$65.00 J. E. Reinhardt served 14 days as commissioner \$28.00 5 days service as committee 10.00 168 miles travel 8.40 5 days service on School Board 2.10 42 miles travel 2.10

Total \$60.50 P. A. Thompson served 11 days as commissioner \$22.00 8 days service as committee 16.00 352 miles travel 17.50 5 days services on School Board 10.00 96 miles travel 4.80

Total \$70.30 W. L. Baker served 14 days as commissioner \$28.00 12 days service as committee 24.00 324 miles travel 16.20 5 days services on School Board 10.00 72 miles travel 3.10

Total \$81.30

THE NEW HOOK SPOON FREE TO ALL.

I read in the Christian Standard that Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A, St. Louis, Mo., would give an elegant plated hook spoon to any one sending her ten 2-cent stamps. I sent for one and found it to be useful that I showed it to my friends, and made \$12.00 in two hours, taking orders for the spoon. The hook spoon is a household necessity. It cannot slip into the dish or cooking vessel, being held in its place by a hook on the back. The spoon is something housekeepers have needed ever since spoons were first invented. Anyone can get a sample spoon by sending ten 2-cent stamps to Miss Fritz. This is a splendid way to make money around home.

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Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Jno. J. Cornwell, dec'd., all persons holding claims of any kind against said estate will present the same to me on or before the 4th day of December 1897 or this notice will be placed in bar of recovery. All persons owing said estate will settle with me at once. Dec. 3, 1896. THOMAS F. CORNWELL, Adm'r. of Jno. J. CORNWELL, A.

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