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LOCAL.

McDowell court is in session. Read the notice of town property for sale. The County Commissioners meet next Monday. We are glad to announce that Dr Hilliard is convalescent. Several of our lawyers are attending McDowell court this week. Dr. J. R. Anderson, of Harrisburg, is visiting his parents in this place. Dr. Lincoln has sold his fine trotter to a livery man in Asheville for \$320. Davis Bros will move into their new brick store building early in October. The Catawba River was over the McDowell ford bridge during the rains of last week. Miss Gertie Sudderth, of John's River, has been spending some time in Morganton. We call attention to the new advertisement of the Klutz Warehouse, Salisbury, N. C. Messrs. I. I. Davis and D. McKenzie have gone north after their fall stocks of goods. The new postage rates, by which a letter can be sent for two cents will soon come into effect. Miss Nellie Seymour, who spent the summer here, sails to day for Europe from New York. Winter comes on apace still we positively refuse to call for wool from our delinquent subscribers. Sell's Bros. advertising car in charge of Mr. Josephs and a corps of bill posters is at the depot. A colored minstrel troupe, (local) have been giving some free open air concerts on the streets lately. Sheriff Fogle, of Forsyth county, was in town this week, bringing another patient for the Asylum. The excursion to Warm Springs last week was a failure so far as the size of the crowd was concerned. H. McSmith, the Charlotte music man, has an attractive advertisement on the fourth page of this paper. Fires have been necessary to comfort during the past week, and frost is reported in trans-mountain counties. Mr. Laekey is building a dwelling-house just beyond the railroad above Mrs. Wm. Erwin's on his Vine Hill farm. Monroe Cannon, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr. P. Baldwin, of this place, has rented property in Lenoir and will engage in the drug business in that town. Thanks to the Baltimore Sun for a handsome photograph of the paper and the proprietor, which now adorns our sanctum. The Winston Sentinel now appears as a handsome 32 column paper. Its energetic young editor will keep it to the front. The Lincoln Press, a neat and newsy sheet, edited by Jno. C. Tipton, has been received. We exchange with pleasure. The dust of last week has been succeeded by the mud of to-day, and the traveller still has something to grumble about. Messrs Claywell and Hogan will move into the building now occupied by Davis Bros. on Trade street some time next month. The "boarders" at the jail have been hired out to the town authorities, and are working in Mr. Battle's gang of street laborers. Young men who desire to compete for a West Point cadetship will find an interesting letter from Gen. Vance elsewhere. The North Carolina Press Association sails from Norfolk for Boston next Tuesday, Oct. 2. THE MOUNTAINEER will be represented. The father of Hoke Secret and his counsel, Mr. Covington, of Monroe were in town yesterday arranging for his reception into the Asylum. Our merchants are preparing for a brisk fall and winter trade, and are laying in heavy stocks of seasonable goods, the arrival of which will be duly announced. Mr. Dietz has rented the brick building, formerly occupied by the Blade on Trade Street, and will move his jewelry shop there as soon as the building is put in proper shape.

The Richmond and Danville R. R. Company will build a new passenger depot at Asheville which is to be "the handsomest in the State." It is to be completed by Jan. 1st, '84. Mr Sprague, who has made such a success of the railroad eating house at Henry's, and whose famous beef-steaks have been praised by travellers from Main to Mexico, will take charge of the new hotel at Round Knob as soon as the building is completed. Andy Walton has called in to inform us that he feels very much complimented by our publishing his speech, but says that the "unmathematical" language printed in the speech was used by his "competitor," Felix Flemming. A correspondent of the News and Observer writing from Asheville pays our townsman, Col B. S. Gaither, a deserved compliment in saying that he would be the best man in the State to fill the vacant seat on the Supreme Court bench were it not for his impaired health. Burk court did not adjourn until last Thursday. A great deal of business was transacted and the dockets cleared of many old cases that have been incumbering them for years. Everybody was pleased with Judge Graves, way of transacting business, except the criminals. Some unknown friend has sent the editor a beautiful package of flowers by mail, and he has been puzzling his brain to think who sent them. If he only knew he would-but he don't and there's no use saying what he would. He is none the less grateful to his unknown friend from the fact that his curiosity is so much aroused. The Lenoir Topic enters its ninth volume with 1200 subscribers, a good advertising patronage, and an editor who knows what the people want to read, and gives them what they want to read. This is the secret of its success. A safe voyage to the good ship Topic and its many passengers on this its ninth annual trip over the journalistic sea. An elegant hotel, to cost more than \$100,000 is to be built on Battery Street, a beautiful eminence on Patton Avenue, Asheville, by Messrs Richmond Pearson, Frank Cox and others. The ground alone cost \$12,500. Mr. Eccles of the Charlotte Central Hotel will be "mine host" at the new Asheville house, which is to be one of the most elegant hotel structures in the South. The Topic Gives us Tally. Our esteemed contemporary, the Morganton MOUNTAINEER, has donned a handsome new home made suit, is now a seven column dollar and as bright and newsy as Will Ervin, who knows how, can make a paper. Hoke C. Secret The notorious criminal, was yesterday remanded to the asylum by Judge Graves at McDowell court, the State having failed to establish his sanity. He will be confined in Morganton jail until quarters can be provided for him in the Western Asylum at this place. Boston Hearing Fruit. The fact that North Carolina is being magnificently advertised at Boston was practically demonstrated when by one mail this week Maj. Wilson and Col. Tate received four letters from different parts of New England with regard to the purchase of their marble quarries on the Nantahala River. The beautiful display of white, black and flesh-colored marbles made by these gentlemen has astonished the New Englanders. Fine Apples. Mr. John Mace, who has a farm on the South Mountains about six miles from Morganton, brought us in a basket of apples, the other day that we have never seen beaten for size, beauty and flavor. Thirty of them filled a half bushel basket, and a barrel of them would have taken the prize at any State fair. As a fruit section no part of the State surpasses the South Mountains. Grapes, peaches, apples and pears all attain wonderful proportions on their sunny slopes, and the crop has never been known to be injured by the frost. He Don't Want to Leave. Among the convicts who are working on the Ducktown branch of the W. N. C. R. R. is an old negro named Joe Hicks, whose time has expired long ago, but who likes the fare and treatment he gets there so well that he sticks to his post and does the same amount of labor that he did before he had served out his term. "Old Joe," as they call him has built an odd looking little bark hut on the mountain side near the works, where he sleeps, his only companion being a pet bear that shares his meals and his bed. He keeps a flock of chickens and turkeys, and makes a little pocket

money by selling those to the railroad men. He likes his business, and is as happy as if he were Governor of the State. West Point Cadetship. The following letter from Gen. Vance to the Asheville Citizen explains itself: RIVERSIDE, N. C., Sept. 13th, 1883. Editor of Citizen.—The position of cadet at West Point, from the 8th District of North Carolina, is now vacant. I propose to have a competitive examination of applicants at Asheville, on Thursday the 15th of November next. The examination will be conducted by Rev. Dan Atkins, president of Weaverville College, Rev. J. B. Boole, president of Judson College and Prof. S. F. Venable, Asheville male academy. The studies to be examined in are Reading, Writing, Orthography, Arithmetic, Grammar, History, (particularly the history of the Constitution and the administrations of the presidents) Composition and Geography. The candidate must also pass a physical examination which will be conducted by Dr. John Hey Williams. Applicants are requested to write me for ticket of admission to the examinations, to whom printed instructions will be sent. I trust to have a full class, and that we may find a young man able to pass the severe examinations at West Point. The applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age. Rob't. B. Vance. Haunted House in Town. Morganton has had another sensation. On College Street, between the Methodist Church and the Mountain Hotel stands a house which has hitherto borne a good character, but which within the past two weeks has been found to be "haunted," to the terror of its inmates. The gentleman who occupies the house and his wife first heard the strange sounds by night in one of the bed rooms on the first floor. From one corner of the room came a low, sepulchral, breathing sound that could be heard in the still hours of the night, and which froze the blood of the sleepless occupants of the haunted room. A diligent search was instituted for the mysterious intruder. They searched and rummaged everywhere. Closet and clothes' press, chest and window seat, but still no sign of the ghostly slumberer, and after things had gone on this way for several night, the terrified couple concluded to change their quarters. A young gentleman who was boarding in the house then volunteered to spend a night in the mysterious chamber, and after sitting up till a late hour to give the ghost time to get to sleep, he repaired to the room and placing a loaded shot gun near the bed, put out the light and turned in. The ghost did not keep him waiting long, for scarcely had he gotten comfortably stowed away between the sheets when the mysterious breathing commenced. He sprang up to a sitting position in the bed and listened intently. Perhaps it was all imagination. But no, it still continued now seeming to rise from the floor, and now coming from an old portrait that hung on the wall. The cold perspiration began to break out on his brow, and, like the hero of the Æneid, "obstupuit, et vox faucibus hæsit." But he was brave, and was not to be bluffed by man or demon as long as he had the shot gun, and he cautiously rose from the bed, seized the weapon and walked bravely to the corner of the room whence the breathing proceeded. At times the sounds almost died away, then there would come a stifled sob, a rustling of invisible wings, and then the measured breathing again. What, where could it be? Here a bright thought struck him. Maybe it was outside. A window next the porch stood open, and he stepped out into the darkness to see standing at the end of the porch just at the corner where he had heard the mysterious sounds a tall dark figure with his head shrouded in white. He had found the secret of the mysterious visits, but the dark apparition almost made his heart stop beating. Was it man or devil? A shot would decide, and the gun was discharged at the white head of the mystic visitor. A scream-shrill and blood curdling rang out on the still night air and a white object fell to the floor with a heavy thud. He had shot the only chicken left on the premises after the summer campaign which was peacefully resting on a rose bush, and wheezing with the influenza. DIED. Mrs. Delia W. Blankenship, died at her residence in York county, S. C., on the 21st inst. The deceased is a daughter of our countryman, ex-sheriff Jos. Brittain. Country produce taken in exchange for watches, clocks, jewelry &c, at L. L. Deitz'

GENERAL NEWS. Dutton Cook, the English author, is dead, aged fifty-one. Texas produced 6,928,019 pounds of wool in 1880. The Bannock Indians, of Idaho, are about to goupen the war-path. Six hundred persons are down with yellow fever at Guaymas, Mexico, the disease is spreading in the interior. A poplar tree was recently cut down near Moultrie, Ala., that measured fifty-eight feet at the butt and 159 in length. It will make 100,000 shingles. Pedro Richards, recently divorced from his wife entered her room, at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and brained her with a flatiron. He is in jail. China has an army of about 500,000 men. Of these 100,000 are well drilled in Priddy warfare and are armed with the best American guns. Richard Wheeler fired a shot at Carrie Hart, an actress at a variety theatre at St. Louis, and then blew his own brains out, he had been drinking heavily. At a recent Bicycle fair at Springfield, Mass., 29 miles was made in one hour and seven minutes. Bicycle riders have been known to make more than 200 miles in 24 hours. Mrs. A. B. Churchill of Montgomery, Ala., has the original copy of the Constitution of the Confederate States, the first communication ever addressed to the Congress by President Davis and the first bond for \$50 issued by the Confederacy. A pear orchard in Thomas county, Ga., was sold five years ago for \$650. It was next sold for \$1,500, the \$550 having been recovered from cuttings in the meantime. A month afterward \$2,800 was offered for it, and now it could not be bought for \$25,000. Sunday evening, Wm. Keimp, of Cherryville, Penn., while examining a revolver pointed it at his wife to scare her. The pistol went off and the woman was fatally shot. Andrew Williams went through the same performance at Scranton, Penn., and killed his sister. At Marshall, Texas, Saturday night, the dead body of Silas Johnson colored, pierced with three balls, was found on the roadside half a mile from town, with a rope around his neck. His wife says that sixteen persons came to the door and asked for Johnson. Upon his going out the party carried him off. He was known to be connected with the race troubles recently. The largest cattle ranch in the world is said to be that of Charles Goodnight, at the head of Red river, Texas. He began buying land four years ago, securing 270,000 acres at thirty-five cents per acre. In the meantime the price has advanced from \$1 to \$2 per acre, but he is still buying and controls 700,000 acres. To enclose his landed possessions 250 miles of fence is required. On the range he has 40,000 cattle. TOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE! For the purpose of partition, I will sell at public outcry at the Court House door in Morganton on Monday, the 5th day of Nov. next the town lot known as the "Roane place" where W. G. Turner now lives, and also the remainder of the Smyth land adjoining—about 14 1/2 acres—will be sold separately. Terms:—One fifth cash, balance secured by note with 6 months' credit. Title and possession retained by me till purchase money and interest is all paid. SAML. MED. TATE. Morganton, Sept. 24, 1883. S. C. W. TATE, ATTORNEY AT LAW Morganton, N. C. Ramsour is here ready to make your pictures, of any size or style—Just above Davis Bros' new front. Just received at L. L. Deitz' the largest and best assortment of clocks ever brought to Morganton. Now is the time to secure a good reliable time piece, cheap for cash. "Blood-food" is the suggestive name often given to Ayer's Sarsaparilla, because of its blood-enriching qualities. TO THE PLANTERS OF N. C. THEO. F. KLUTTZ. JOHN B. GASKILL. JOHN SHEPHERD, Late of "Pilot Ware House," Winston, N. C. Business Manager and Auctioneer with KLUTTZ, GASKILL & CO., PROPRIETORS OF THE— KLUTTZ WAREHOUSE, FOR THE— SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO! SALISBURY, N. C. This commodious Warehouse is complete in every particular. Our lights are unsurpassed for uniformity and softness, which is a sufficient guarantee that all who sell with us will have their Tobacco shown to the best advantage possible. Our accommodations for man and beast are perfect. We guarantee highest prices for all grades of Tobacco, from the commonest ground leaf to fancy lemon wrappers. Your Friends, KLUTTZ, GASKILL & CO.

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