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1. *The African M. E. Conference*.
2. *The African M. E. Conference met at Greensboro and below are the appointments for this district: Morganton District—F. F. Giles, P. E. Gaston Chapel Station, W. J. Jordan*
3. *Asheville Circuit, H. S. Roberts*
4. *Bridgewater " James Tate*
5. *John's River " J. C. Cole*
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20. *Two Klascas. A Novel. By the author of "Dora"*
21. *Bread Upon the Waters. A Novel. By MISS GIBBS.*
22. *Page Ninety-two. A Novel. By MARY COCKE.*
23. *A Yagabond Heroine. A Novel. By Mrs. J. S. DERRY.*
24. *Clouds and Sunshine. A Novel. By CHARLES HARRIS.*
25. *The Dream Woman. A Novel. By WILKIE COLLINGS.*
26. *George Caulfield's Journey. A Novel. By W. E. GIBBS.*
27. *Mary Hardwick's Hival. A Novel. By Mrs. J. S. DERRY.*

LOCAL NEWS.

—Read our offer at top of this column—20 valuable books free.

—Mr. J. H. Pearson is having the room one door above Mr. R. K. Presnell's store fitted up for a fruit stand.

—Look up Santa Claus' letter in this issue. He has left an immense stock of Christmas Goods at J. M. Huffman & Co.'s.

—Rev. C. C. Brothers, the newly appointed pastor for the Morganton circuit, will occupy the circuit parsonage, in Morganton.

—The newly elected county officers have entered upon their official duties, having given their bonds and been sworn in last Monday.

—Rutherford College, we are glad to learn, now has a very flourishing Y. M. C. A., with well furnished rooms in the College building.

—Mr. C. F. McKesson, the defeated candidate for State Auditor, has invited quite a number of his Democratic friends, both ladies and gentlemen, to take oysters with him at his residence to-night.

—Some of the boys procured two live rabbits yesterday and turned them loose in the streets in front of some dogs. Although the rabbits were not used to running in town, they furnished a lively race for a little while and lots of fun for the boys and some older heads too.

—Mrs. Lucy W. Falls, daughter of Col. T. G. Walton, who is at her old home on a visit, had an elegant entertainment at her beautiful country site, "Deloraine," last evening. It was perhaps the swellest affair that Morganton has seen in many a day and was presided over by a lovely daughter of whom Burke is ever proud.

—Messrs. R. G. Gibbs and Joseph McGimpsey, of this county, are running against each other to see which will have the largest hog by the 1st of January, 1889. It's a close race now, both hogs weighing about the same—450 lbs each. When the hogs are killed and weighed we will inform our readers as to who takes the ribbon.

—Morganton and Hickory stations were united by the recent Methodist conference, with Rev. T. P. Bonner as pastor, who was pastor of Morganton station last year. It is pretty certain that Mr. Bonner will reside at Hickory, as that place has a Methodist parsonage, while Morganton has not. Morganton will be loth to give him and his excellent wife up.

—Master Derr Boger, son of Mr. Wm. Boger, of this place, met with a very painful accident last Saturday. He was leading a cartridge shell. He placed a cap on the shell and put powder in it and was tamping the wad when the powder exploded, tearing his hand up considerably. It is thought that amputation of the hand will be necessary; but we hope this can be prevented.

African M. E. Conference.

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Death of Maj. A. M. Erwin.

We sincerely regret to learn of the death of this good man, useful citizen and true friend, which occurred in Asheville, at his brother's, Capt. Bulow Erwin, on Sunday evening, Nov. 25th, at 3 o'clock. He was a resident of McDowell county, and had gone to Asheville some days before his death on professional business and was taken suddenly ill with peritonitis, from which he died after several days' illness. He had many relatives and warm friends in Burke; was a brother of Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of Morganton. Maj. Erwin was about 50 years of age and unmarried. His remains were taken to his home, near Marion, for interment. THE STAR extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

"Loge" Harris for Bynum.

The last Raleigh Signal, a Republican organ, of which Mr. J. C. L. Harris is editor, has the following pleasant things to say of one of the 10th Judicial District's most prominent Democrats: "Mr. John Gray Bynum, of Morganton, is in the city. His judicial district is the same as that of Judge Avery, who is soon to take his seat on the Supreme Court bench. 'Gray,' as all his old school-mates call him, is a first class lawyer and the Governor cannot do better than appoint him to succeed Judge Avery. There is no Democrat in the District who would be more acceptable to the Republicans than 'Gray' Bynum. We sincerely hope he may be appointed Judge and we pledge the Signal to Gov. Seates or Gov. Fowle in support of this appointment."

A Horror in Catawba.

The Hickory Clipper says: "Our community was stirred to its very depths, by the development of facts brought out in a trial before Esquire Bruns and Killian, on the 1st inst. The facts in brief were as follows: On Thanksgiving day Dick Shuford, a negro, aged about fifteen years, raped the 4 year old daughter of Mr. Mac. C. Hilderbrand, a farmer of Bandy's township. The negro was living with the family and took advantage of the leisure of the day to get the child from the presence and protection of its mother and perpetrated the horrible deed which fearfully injured the person of his victim. His youth and the fact that the people of Catawba are ever disposed to be law-abiding may save him from Judge Lynch; but at this writing there is an ominous silence and a marked expression to be read in the faces of many that bodes no good for the fiend who is now in the hands of the officer to be conveyed to New-ton jail."

W. H. Pearson & Co. have toy horses, wagons, carts, slays, sets of furniture, tea-sets, dolls, and hundreds of other things in this line too tedious to mention. Go there to get your presents for the children. The completest line of candies in town.

LOST.—A bunch of keys. The finder will be rewarded by delivering the same to B. A. BERRY.

Beautiful line of New Dress Goods—Prints, Novelties, &c.—at Dickson, Tate & Wilson's.

HOMICIDE IN UPPER FORK.

Jake Helms and Alf Moses, Brothers-in-Law, Engage in a Fight which Results in the Death of Moses.

On last Monday evening, according to our informant, Alf Moses, who lived about 17 miles from Morganton, in Upper Fork township, this county, went to the house of his brother in law, Jake Helms, a near neighbor, and commenced pelting the house with rocks, which brought Helms to the door. Helms ordered Moses the third time to leave his premises, but Moses did not obey and commenced cursing and abusing Helms and told him if he wanted anything he had it for him. A fight ensued, in which Helms drew a barlow knife and stabbed Moses in the throat, killing him almost instantly.

It seems that there was an old grudge between the two and Moses went to Helms' house for the purpose of settling it. Helms came to town Thursday and gave himself up to Sheriff Webb, who placed him in jail to await further investigation.

Conference Appointments.

The N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church South, which convened in New Berne last week, made the following appointments for the Statesville and Shelby districts:

- STATESVILLE DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore—Presiding Elder. Statesville station—J. C. Rowe, Jas. Wilson.
Statesville circuit—G. W. Ivey.
Mooresville circuit—W. M. Bagby.
Iredell circuit—R. G. Barrett.
Newton circuit—J. M. Lunley.
Catawba circuit—C. M. Gentry.
Alexander circuit—T. J. Daily.
Caldwell circuit—J. F. England.
Lenoir circuit—C. F. Sherrill.
Connelly Springs circuit—W. F. Coffin, T. H. Edwards.
Morganton and Hickory—T. P. Bonner.

SHELBY DISTRICT.

- J. R. Brooks—Presiding Elder. Shelby station—J. T. Finlayson. Shelby circuit—S. M. Davis.
Kings Mountain circuit—S. V. Turentine.
Gastonia circuit—J. B. Baily.
Gaston circuit—M. D. Giles.
Mountain Island station—J. W. Clegg.
Rock Springs circuit—B. S. Webb.
Lincolnton circuit—B. C. Alfred.
Fallston circuit—H. T. Hudson.
South Fork circuit—M. T. Steele.
Double Shoals circuit—J. M. Lowder.
Henrietta circuit—D. A. Watkins.
Forest City circuit—J. W. Strider, A. M. Lowe.
Rutherford circuit—C. G. Little.
Polk circuit—L. A. Falls.
Antioch circuit—supplied by W. W. Womack.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS OF THOSE WE KNOW.

- Rev. W. E. Edmonson, of this county, goes to Toisnot, Warrenton, district. This is his first charge as a member of the conference.
- Rev. G. W. Callahan, who had charge of Morganton and Marion stations in 1887 and who was on the Caldwell circuit last year, goes this year to Whitaker's mission, Warrenton district.
- Rev. P. F. W. Stamey has been made Presiding Elder of Trinity district.
- Rev. D. H. Tuttle, a native of Caldwell county, who was pastor of Fifth Street Methodist E. Church, Wilmington, last year, goes this year to Wilson station.
- M. H. Tuttle, of Caldwell, to Yadkinville circuit, his first charge as a member of conference.
- Rev. R. A. Willis, who was Presiding Elder of this district last year, is Presiding Elder of the New Berne district.
- Rev. W. M. Robey is pastor of St. Paul church, Goldsboro.
- Rev. R. L. Warlick, formerly of this county, goes to Brunswick circuit, Wilmington district.

FOR SALE.—A fine black horse. Apply to DR. W. P. IVEY, W. N. C. Insane Asylum.

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Personal.

Jude Avery is at home. Maj. J. W. Wilson's family are spending the winter in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Miss Cornelia Sudderth, of Caldwell county, is visiting at Capt. L. A. Bristol's.

Miss Berta Patton, of Asheville, is visiting her sister Mrs. J. T. Walton, near Morganton.

Mr. S. W. Calvin, agent of the Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois, is in our town.

Mr. G. P. Erwin went up to McDowell last week to attend the funeral of his kinsman Maj. A. M. Erwin.

Misses Addie and Alice Belk, of Union county, left Rutherford College some days ago to take charge of schools at home.

We are sorry to learn that Capt. W. H. Grant, of the W. N. C. R., is seriously ill at his home, at Rutherford College.

Mr. Frank Gillam, of Cleveland county, has taken a position as salesman in the store of Messrs. I. I. Davis & Bro., at this place.

Patterson Estes and sister Ellen Estes, after an absence of several years in Kansas, passed through Morganton this week on their way to their home in Caldwell county.

Mr. R. A. Cobb, of THE STAR, left last Friday for a trip through McDowell and Mitchell counties, and we look for him back to-day with a long list of new subscribers.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of this place, who is spending the winter in Knoxville, Tennessee, was present at the funeral of her brother Maj. A. M. Erwin, at the home of the deceased, near Marion.

Our countryman Mr. C. F. McKesson is a candidate for Librarian of Congress. There is no higher-toned, cleaner-cut republican in North Carolina than Charlie McKesson. He is an accomplished, scholarly man and the Congress would honor North Carolina in giving Mr. McKesson the place. He is a strong partizan, but he ever hits above the belt.

A Minister's Secret Marriage.

Following are the particulars of the marriage of Rev. Mr. Woodson, who is well known here, and who held protracted meetings at this place and Glen Alpine Station some months since: The Statesville Landmark says: "Rev. C. J. Woodson is a minister of the Baptist Church, a brother-in-law of ex-Gov. Jarvis, and holds a roving commission under which he preaches and baptizes all over the mountains of this State. Wilkesboro is in his territory, and upon his visits to that place he has been a visitor of Miss Maud Frontis, a daughter of Prof. Stephen Frontis, late of Mooresville, who has been boarding and teaching at Mr. J. M. Welborn's, near Wilkesboro. Wednesday of last week Mr. Woodson was at Wilkesboro and that morning he and Miss Frontis went to ride. He left that afternoon and about Saturday letters came addressed to Mrs. C. J. Woodson, when it was ascertained that on the occasion of the ride the couple had driven out to Moravian Falls and been married by Rev. G. W. Green. Mr. Woodson did not return to his bride until Monday, and that night they were serenaded with various instruments strung and unstrung. Mr. Woodson appeared on the porch and addressed the serenaders in his most forcible and impressive manner. He was informed the next day that 'Squire Ginnings, Capt. Horton and Col. Dula were in the company to which he was indebted for the complimentary serenade, but as none of these gentlemen have much talent for music, this report is not generally credited."

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R. A. COBB, Business Manager of THE STAR.

Meeting of County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met last Monday, all the members of the Board present. Meeting called to order by electing H. W. Connelly, temporary Chairman. On motion of John Nantz, G. P. Erwin was unanimously elected permanent Chairman of the Board. The newly elected county officers presented their bonds, which were received and approved and ordered to be recorded.

S. T. Pearson, Clerk Superior Court, presented his bond for renewal, which was approved and ordered to be recorded.

J. L. Laxton, former Treasurer, settled in full with the Commissioners.

The usual number of warrants were issued.

Chas. M. Jarrett, Stock Law Tax-Collector of Icard and a part of Lovelady townships, settled in full with the Commissioners.

At this meeting of the Commissioners 9 Burke County Bonds and 50 Coupons were cancelled.

NOTICE.

Town Taxes.

Having been appointed Tax Collector for the town of Morganton, I hereby notify the tax-payers of the town that their taxes are now due and must be paid by the 20th of December.

J. R. ANDERSON, Dec. 7, 1888.—2t.

Taxes! Taxes!! TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF BURKE COUNTY.

I have given notice after notice to the tax-payers of the county and have visited each township twice and still the tax-payers do not come forward and pay their taxes. I will be at my office in Morganton for the next two weeks and then I will have to advertise property if taxes are not paid. This is the last notice.

B. A. BERRY, Ex-Sheriff. Dec. 6, 1888.

NOTICE.

Davis & Wiley The N. C. Estate Co., Ltd. UNDER and by virtue of an execution issued to me in the above entitled cause from the Superior Court of Rowan County, I will, on Saturday, the 5th day of January, 1889, at Glen Alpine Station, in Burke county, offer for sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, one steam engine, saw mill, and other personal property as the property of The N. C. Estate Co., Ltd. and on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1889, (the same being the first Monday) under and by virtue of the same execution, I will offer for sale at the court house door in Morganton, N. C., to the highest bidder, for cash, sixteen thousand acres of land known as "The South Mountain Speculation Lands," owned by said N. C. Estate Co., Ltd.; also five thousand one hundred and nineteen acres of land adjoining the lands of Thos. Walton and others. All of said lands lie in Burke county and belong to said company.

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

BY virtue of an order of the Superior Court in case of Rev. Muth, Adm'r, vs. Eliza York and others, I will, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1889, offer for sale to the highest bidder, at court house door in Morganton, three tracts of land, one containing 25 acres more or less, adjoining lands of Eliza Pruet and others, on Coney's Creek, Lower Fork township, and particularly described in a deed from John Pruet to Eliza York, of date 23rd May, 1856.

TERMS of sale: 10 per cent. cash, balance, one-half on 6 months, and one-half on 12 months time, with interest at 8 per cent. Title retained until purchase money paid.

This 24th Nov., 1888. ZENO MULL, Adm'r of Jackson York. J. T. FRANKIE, Atty.

From Santa Claus.

MY DEAR GOOD LITTLE CHILDREN: I have made my deposit of

Christmas Goods

For the children of Burke county at J. M. Huffman & Co.'s, MORGANTON, N. C.

They have now in store Toy Pistols, Horses, WAGONS, And many other pleasing things for the boys, and

DOLLS, VACES And many other nice things for the little girls, and

CANDY Of all varieties for all.

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Almost anything for Christmas can be found at their store. Call early and see them.

Your friend, SANTA CLAUS.

NOTICE.

HAVING qualified as Administrator of Joseph Pool, dec'd., I will sell for cash, at the residence of the dec'd., on Monday and Tuesday, the 10th and 11th of Dec., 1888, five mules, four hundred and twenty-five bushels of wheat, eleven hundred bushels corn, sixty bushels oats, one milk cow and calf and other articles. W. H. POOL, Nov. 19, 1888. Adm'r.

LAND SALE.

BY virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage executed to me by D. J. Hicks, on the 19th of Dec., 1887, and recorded in the Register's Office of Burke County, in Book O, page 281, I will sell at public auction, for cash, at the court house door in the town of Morganton, on Monday, the 24th day of Dec., 1888, the following described lot or parcel of land, to-wit: Lying in the town of Morganton, Burke county, on Depot or Green Street, adjoining J. N. Payne and others, being the lot whereon Caroline Wynne now lives; said land sold to pay mortgage debt, interest and cost.

Nov. 23, 1888. MRS. N. W. THORNWELL. By T. G. ANDERSON, Atty.

Sale of Land.

BY virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Burke county, made in the case of Jos. Brittain, administrator for John A. Dickson, vs. John A. Dickson and others, I will sell at public auction at the court house door in the town of Morganton, on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1888, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Lying and being in the county of Burke, State of North Carolina, on the Lenoir and Faddy's Creek, being the tract of land, bounded as follows: Beginning on a rock in a small branch creek, north, crossing the Laurel road and creek; 225 poles to a stake and post; the Miller's (now Williams') line; then west with Williams' line 40 poles to a black oak in said line; then south 3 degrees east, 124 poles to a forked apple tree; then south 15 degrees west, crossing the creek, and 16 poles to a stake on the mountain. Mitchell's corner; then east with the old line 60 poles to the beginning, containing 55 acres.

Terms of sale: One-fourth cash; balance in six months; title retained till purchase money is paid.

This 23rd Nov., 1888. JOS. BRITTAINE, Adm'r. T. T. AVERY, PUTT'S Atty.

Land Sale.

BY virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Burke county in the case of R. G. Gibbs and others vs. Sam'l M. Fulwood and others, I will sell at public auction at the court house door in the town of Morganton, on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1888, the following lands, to-wit, consisting of several adjacent tracts, being the lands of the late Wm. Fulwood:

- 1st Tract. Known as the home place, being the old home tract of Wm. Fulwood, deceased, lying in Lanville township, Burke county, on Paddy's Creek, adjoining lands of R. N. Kincaid, Joshua Gibbs and others; all of said land to be sold in lots, except Lot No. 5, which has heretofore been sold and sale thereof confirmed, as follows:
Lot No. 1. Being 15 acres conveyed by Joshua Gibbs to William Fulwood, bindings to commence at \$8.20. T. L. Berry's bid.

Lot No. 2. Being 109 acres, more or less, bounded by John Coney, lying on Paddy's Creek, adjoining Joshua Gibbs and others. Bindings to commence at \$26.10. R. N. Kincaid's bid.

Lot No. 3. Being 40 acres, more or less, lying between the "big road" and Paddy's Creek, being the balance of the 109-acre home tract outside of the portion covered by the above. Bindings to commence at \$11.00. R. N. Kincaid's bid.

Lot No. 4. Being 60 acres, more or less, bought of John Coney, lying on both sides of Paddy's Creek, bindings to commence at \$24.20. R. N. Kincaid's bid.

Lot No. 5. Being 100 acres, more or less, known as the 100-acre entry, adjoining lands of R. N. Kincaid and others. Bindings to commence at \$29.00. R. N. Kincaid's bid.

2nd Tract. Lying in Lanville township, Burke county, on Paddy's Creek, known as the McTaggart lands or the taney place, adjoining Joshua Gibbs, Jas. Turner and others, containing 155 acres.

3rd Tract. Lying in Burke and McDowell counties, mostly in McDowell, adjoining the lands of Wm. Gray, the Phagan Cuthbertson heirs and others, containing 250 acres, bindings to commence at \$73.00. J. A. Wiseman's bid.

Terms of sale: 20 per cent. cash; balance in six months; title retained till purchase money is paid.

Said land sold subject to dower of Jane Fulwood, where it touches.

November 18, 1888. R. G. GIBBS, Com'r. ANDERSON and AVERY, PUTT'S Atty's.

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