

State Library

# The Burke County News.

FIRST OF ALL--THE NEWS.

VOL. I.

MORGANTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1899.

NO. 2.

Miss Gertrude Davis has returned from a visit to Statesville.

Mrs. G. I. White, of Marion, visited her friends here last week.

Mrs. Tom McBee has gone to Salisbury for special medical treatment.

Mr. J. G. Hall, of Lenoir, was in Morganton Wednesday and yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. Moran is visiting in Charlotte and Mrs. Jennie Tate in Fayetteville.

Mrs. John Wilson, of Greensboro, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. R. Collette.

Presiding Elder Jones is now occupying a part of Mr. J. R. Ervin's house on Green street.

The King's Daughters, of the Episcopal church, will give an entertainment in the Town Hall to-night.

Look up the new advertisements of I. I. Davis, Lazarus Bros. and the Morganton Hardware Co., in this issue.

The Legislature has passed Mr. Hoffman's bill permitting Morganton to vote for \$5,000 worth of electric light bonds.

Mr. H. S. Pinkston left yesterday for Bakersville. He will begin the publication of a paper there about the first of February.

Mr. Henry McCall, who has been making repairs on the M. M. & Co.'s plant, returned to his home, in Hickory, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Coleman returned to Texas the first of the week, after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Morganton.

Miss Mary Lou Kincaid, daughter of Mr. Francis M. Kincaid, of Upper Creek township, is conducting the public school at Glen Alpine.

Mr. Moulton Avery, who holds a position as fireman on a railroad in South Carolina, spent several days the past week in Morganton, on a visit to friends.

We regret to note the serious illness of the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Hallyburton, on Lenoir street. The little one has been ill for more than a week.

Mr. Azor Shell, of Morganton, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Charlotte Manufacturing Company

(the sash, door and blind factory) recently held by G. H. Holiday. Mr. Shell will move to Charlotte this week and will begin work Saturday.—Charlotte News.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Morganton Cornet Band a vote of the members on the question of graded schools was taken, resulting in a big majority for schools.

Mrs. Amos Burns died at her home in Smoky Creek township Monday night, leaving six small children. She was a sister of Mrs. John M. McGalliard, of Morganton.

Robert Hennessee, son of R. J. Hennessee, who lives about two and a half miles east of town, met with a painful accident last Friday, at his home. A pistol fell from his pocket and in striking the floor discharged a ball into the fleshy part of his leg. Dr. Moran is attending the young man, but at last account had not been able to extract the ball.

We are pleased to place on our exchange list the Business Magazine, published monthly at Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. W. M. Goodman, editor and manager. It is the only publication of its kind in the United States and has a very large circulation. Mr. Goodman is well known in Morganton, having married the daughter of Col. W. L. Hardin, of this place.

### THE PETRIFIED MAN A FRAUD.

Our citizens will remember "the petrified man" exhibited here about two years ago, his owner claiming he was originally a British soldier whose remains had been left in South Carolina during the Revolution. All who could "rake up" the price—10 cents—viewed with admiration "the petrified man." The Columbia State tells the story:

"Mr. Wm. H. Dreher, of Lexington county, S. C., has been residing in Germany for a year or more, and was naturally interested in the petrified man. He secured—how is not told—fragments of him, and submitted them to "the German spirit of scientific investigation." The result is shown in a leaflet issued by the Berlin Anthropological Society, which finds that the petrified man is made out of lime and clay silicate, poured into a mould. He is, in a word, a Portland cement gentleman. Thus is another idol shattered."

## Vesterday in the Legislature.

### Adjourned in Honor of General R. E. Lee--Mitchell County's Clerk Summoned to Raleigh--He is to Bring the Registration Books of Precincts with Him.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19.—In the House the following bills were introduced. To repeal the law imposing a tax on inheritances, to incorporate inter-state telephone and telegraph companies, to create a county of Scotland out of four southern townships of Richmond county, by Allen of Wayne to repeal the law of 1897 as to non-suit, also to so amend the charter of Atlantic & North Carolina railway as to take all power from the Governor and place it in the hands of the board of internal improvements, also to take from the Governor the power to appoint that road's State proxy, to protect the people from the court house rings by making it unlawful for city commissioners to employ any attorney when the latter is in any way connected with any bonded officer of the county or in any affairs in connection with the city commissioners. It further requires all public improvements to be let to the lowest responsible bidder after due publication.

Representative Overman said: "Mr. Speaker, in honor of the memory of the world's greatest chieftain, christian soldier, patriot and statesman, and the South's greatest hero, General Robert E. Lee, I move that this House do now adjourn." Unanimously adopted.

The senate met at 10 and adopted a resolution summoning the clerk of the Superior court of Mitchell to come before the election committee and produce the registration books of several precincts which are desired as evidence in the contested case of Lambert and Eaves against Kerley and Souther from the 31st district, which comes up Tuesday.

Senator Fuller, colored, offered a memorial from his race. He said that there had been considerable unrest among the negroes and they were not fulfilling their contracts and obligations so uncertain were they as to their future. Representative negroes in the State had decided to address the negroes asking that they be better citizens. Fuller then submitted the memorial, which in substance begs the forbearance of the legislature on the colored public school question.

Senate adjourned at 11:15 in honor of Lee's birthday.

### MCDOWELL COUNTY'S SMALL-POX.

The editor of THE NEWS was in Marion Tuesday and found her citizens pursuing their different vocations as usual, with very little uneasiness about smallpox. There was some excitement, they say, when the disease first appeared, but it is not so now. There were on Tuesday six cases in a section four and a half miles north west of Marion, but the authorities have quarantined the homes of the patients with a strong guard and have provided good nurses who have had smallpox, and there is very little danger of the further spread of the disease. Every precaution is being exercised by those who have the matter in charge for the protection of outsiders. Since the malady first appeared in McDowell—the latter part of December—the aver-

age daily expense to the county for guards, doctors, nurses, etc., has been at least \$50.

### FROM FONTA FLORA.

FONTA FLORA, N. C., Jan. 17, '99.  
Editor of THE NEWS:

You sent us a sample copy of your nice, clean little paper. It is young but a newsy paper and I predict you will have a good list of subscribers at this office. If you continue to send out THE NEWS as good as the sample copy you will deserve the patronage of all the good white men of Burke county.

Mrs. C. D. Giles is improving. Hopes are entertained of her recovery, although she is quite feeble yet.

Rev. M. D. Giles was called by telegram to the bedside of his sick mother. He is looking fine. I believe the good people of Rock Springs are feeding him well, as he shows his keeping.

The Dobsons are still living and nothing has happened to them yet, although reports had it that they were down with smallpox. Not a word of truth in it.

Success to THE NEWS. SCIP.