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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paul Boger has entered school at Oak Ridge.

Burke criminal court convenes on Monday, Sept. 17th.

Frank Huffman returned to Wake Forest College on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Berry are visiting friends in Asheville this week.

Miss Pheribee Seitz, of Hickory, is visiting at Mrs. R. F. Goodson's.

Mrs. Alexander, of Swannanoa, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jno. M. Mull.

Master Max Payne left last Wednesday for Durham, where he will enter the graded school.

Messrs. P. W. Patton, J. C. Mull and Jno. M. Mull, went to Asheville Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Mr. John Patton returned to Boston this week. Mr. Jake Patton will remain here a week or two longer.

Mr. Herbert Hart, of Asheville, Vanderbilt's bookkeeper, was in town on business Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Warlick, from the State Hospital, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. F. Goodson, in this city, for the past two weeks.

Someone has suggested that probably the stranger seen here of nights just now is only the Statesville Landmark's Iredell county "santer," which has come up on a summer visit for its health.

The Morganton News tells of a public school in that town where one teacher, a woman, has 84 pupils, and the number is daily increasing. This is a good place in which to begin the work of reform in the public school. — Asheville Citizen, 27th.

Sheriff McDowell, Register Giles, Treasurer Mull, Chairman of Commissioners Berry and Mr. E. B. Claywell went to Asheville this week to give evidence in the R. R. tax assessment case. County officers from about twenty other counties were also there.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, has announced himself a candidate for U. S. Senator to succeed Marion Butler and will no doubt have a strong following.

News reached here Tuesday of the death of Mr. Austin Fox, at his home in California. Mr. Fox was a native of this county, going west about thirty years ago. He was here on a visit in the spring of 1899. His sister, Mrs. J. A. Fox, went with him back to California. She will now return to Burke. Mr. Fox was also a brother of Mrs. H. H. Kincaid, of Upper Creek. He was the father of eight or ten children, about all of whom are grown.

STRANGE CONDUCT.

A Man Rambling 'Round at Night Dressed in Woman's Clothes—Other Bad Conduct.

A little excitement has been created by the strange ramblings about town for the past few nights of a man dressed in woman's clothes. He has so far evaded identification, though he has several times been chased. Last night some men ran him and shot at him several times and in his flight he was seen by Mr. James Hallyburton as he passed the electric light plant, but Mr. Hallyburton could not tell whether he was white or black. This strange character has visited several homes, frightening women and children. What the man's object is in this strange conduct can not be imagined. If he keeps it up, officers will probably soon have him in the lock-up.

Just here we might say, too, that many think the conduct of those in pursuit of the strange individual last night was even worse than that of the man they were after. The promiscuous or any other kind of shooting of pistols and shot guns in the streets by those who have no authority should not be tolerated. It was dangerous in the extreme, and the violators of the law should be brought to justice.

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