

LOCAL NEWS.

We trust our readers spent a pleasant, useful Thanksgiving. Preaching in the Lutheran church on next Sabbath morning and night. See the change in the advertisement of our enterprising, successful jeweller—J. B. Swindell. We call attention to the mortgage sale of land in this issue through D. E. Hudgins, attorney. Did you spend Thanksgiving day on yourself, or did you scatter charitable deeds around for the deserving needy? If a blue cross appears on your paper, it means that your subscription has expired, and is also an invitation to renew. A copious warm rain from the Southeast and South fell Wednesday night and Thursday. It was needed for some wells. Quite a number of members of conference passed through during the week, returning for another year of arduous work. Postmasters will confer a favor by notifying us at once when any one does not take the THE MESSENGER out of the office. Did you make some needy, deserving one happy on Thanksgiving? If not, it is not yet too late. The poor are always with us. The four lonely chimneys forsaken by the burned walls of the Higgins house remind us that the best of the old town landmarks, used as a store house, offices and lodges, is gone. Now that election times are over, we shall be glad to receive more and more news letters from our correspondents, as we can now furnish the space necessary, and in the news while it is fresh, if only a little. About this time half yearly subscriptions are expiring. We trust the papers have been of some general benefit to you, and that you feel that you have received your full money's worth. Let the short history of the paper speak for itself, and be its own invitation to a renewal of subscriptions. Our eyes have fallen upon a prospectus circular from far away Auckland, New Zealand. It describes the contents of two forthcoming volumes: "The Saints of the Isles, a History of the Sea Kings of Orkney, and their Scottish Successors of the Surname of Sinclair," by Rowland William Sinclair, Auckland, N. Z. The circular was sent to Col. Sinclair, one that historical family. The price of the volumes will be about \$11. Such family histories are interesting. Threatening weather did not hinder a large audience from assembling in the court house to hear the entertainment, given to raise money to erect tombstones to the Confederate dead. The management did well. Much credit is due Messdames W. F. Craig, Isaacs, A. A. Marshall, Minnie Blanton, A. McNaughton, and Miss Camille Gruber. Without particularizing, the parts were well done by the little children, showing patience and skill in their training. Some particulars will appear in our next issue. Mr. T. J. Rodgers is returned to Marion station to spend a fourth year. J. W. Jones is to be president of the Morganton district. Rev. R. M. Hoyle is stationed at Statesville. Rev. E. Meyers goes to the Old Fort circuit. McDowell circuit, W. H. Perry; Broad River circuit, J. B. Carpenter; Green River circuit, J. D. Carpenter; Broad Creek circuit, J. D. Gibbons; Bakersville circuit, M. Y. Seales; North Cove circuit, supplied by M. L. Kaylor; Silver Creek Mission, supplied by J. C. Brown; Burnsville, supplied by R. H. Penland. Mr. E. H. House and family of Scranton, Pa., occupy the new cottage on Finley Hill, lately vacated by Mrs. Hyams. They expect to remain for some years in our midst, and we extend to them a hearty welcome. Mr. House is associated with Mr. John R. Kirksey, of Kirksey Postoffice, this county, in the gold mining business. "The Cane Creek Gold Mine" is to be developed at once. Most of the work for awhile will be surface, or "placer" mining, but later the veins will be followed deep down into the earth. The mine is in this county, two miles from Dysartville. All things of this kind, and other enterprises that develop our resources, should be encouraged. We wish them much success. Mr. House expressed confidence in the good future of Marion, being much pleased with our climate and natural resources. We are making advances, but let our people use their diligence and means in proportion to our many and rich natural resources, and we will have a much larger town and prosperous region. Diplomatic Indeed. He had begged her to be his, and she had treated the request in a manner that suggested frivolity. "Why do you use rat-trap peddlers, who reproachfully asked her as she prepared to mount her bicycle. "Why shouldn't I?" she exclaimed. "I should think!" he softly murmured, as he gazed at her dainty feet, "that mouse traps would be simply large." She was his from that moment. NOTICE—I would announce to my former patrons that I am prepared to repair watches and clocks, and as I have no shop rents to pay, I can afford to work cheap, and will do it. Call on me at my residence. R. R. BROOKSHIRE.

GREENLEE NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. J. C. Brown is attending conference in Salisbury. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee, November 1st, a son. Mr. Z. Hilliard is moving to his newly purchased home upon Tom's creek. Mr. Roy Brown is with Mr. G. D. Dillingham, learning the trade of lumber inspector. Mr. and Mrs. Bulow Bidix have moved back into their cozy little home near the old parsonage. Mr. Robert Padgett moves this week into the house recently occupied by Mr. Hilliard. The new mail route between Greenlee Station and the postoffice begins this week. Mr. Seth Robinson is the contractor. The visitors to Greenlee within the last few days have been: Mrs. Robert Burgin, Sr., Mr. Harvey Harig, Mrs. M. L. Greenlee, Misses Kate and Laura Carson, and Messrs. Carson, Hemphill, White and Blanton, the last four bird shooting. Partridges seem especially plentiful in Greenlee meadows this year, but poachers should beware that all the lands are posted. The corn harvest now engages the attention of most farmers. It is unusually fine in this section, but people are not anxious to rush it upon the market at 30 cents per bushel. We are glad to note that more grain than usual is being sown, and that the demand for cow peas increases. The Messrs. Robinson have changed the location of their store, having rented Mr. Lee Williams' old stand. Prof. Robinson is now teaching at Bridgewater. His family are living at the old parsonage. Upon our sick list we have Mrs. Jay Williams and Mrs. David Greenlee, of fever; Miss Harriett Greenlee, of nervous prostration; and Mr. David Greenlee, of general debility. All seem to be improving under Dr. Reed's skillful treatment. At the old Greenlee home a long row of Barr's mammoth asparagus is being plowed up to make room for wheat. Many of the crowns are very large and strong—already ready to send up fat, tender shoots early next spring. As this is really the proper time to plant asparagus, the roots are being sold at five and ten cents each, or exchanged for strawberry plants in fine varieties. This fine old asparagus bed was planted by the late Mrs. Jas. M. Greenlee, a famous gardener, and for years has supplied all the asparagus-loving families in the neighborhood. Greenlee, N. C., Nov. 24. Misc News. Correspondence of The Messenger. Mr. James Hall made a flying trip to Bakersville last Friday. Miss Virgie Dixon, who has been teaching school near here, has returned home. We were sorry to hear her go. Mrs. J. L. Smith visited Mr. Greenlee's family while her husband attended conference. Mr. Ross Hyams, one of Marion's most popular young men, is helping his uncle, Mr. Geo. Hyams, in the mercantile business at this place. We are glad to have him with us. Rev. Mr. Roe passed through Tuesday en route to Bakersville. Mr. Alonzo Snipes and Miss Mollie Collis were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last week, Squire Melsee officiating. We wish them a long and happy life. That fascinating young gentleman, Mr. Charlie Hickey, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Bakersville. BETSY. Nov. 25, 1896. The Vote for State Senators. Following is the vote by counties for R. L. Patton and W. H. Bower, Democratic candidates, and W. H. Wakefield and J. L. Hyatt, Populist and Republican candidates for the State Senate for this, the 31st district: Burke—Bower 1512, Patton 1504, Wakefield 1462, Hyatt 1442. Caldwell—Bower 1366, Patton 1364, Wakefield 1083, Hyatt 1057. Vance—Bower 1234, Patton 1207, Wakefield 997, Hyatt 1029. Mitchell—Bower 607, Patton 597, Wakefield 1837, Hyatt 1862. McDowell—Bower 1155, Patton 1152, Wakefield 991, Hyatt 991. Wakefield's majority over Bower is 713; over Patton 743. Hyatt's majority over Bower is 707; over Patton 737. HOW TO PREVENT CROUP. Some Reading That Will Prove Interesting to Young Mothers—How to Guard Against the Disease. Croup is a terror to young mothers and to post them concerning the cause, first symptoms and treatment is the object of this item. The origin of croup is a common cold. Children who are subject to it take cold very easily and croup is almost sure to follow. The first symptom is hoarseness; this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed it will prevent the attack, for it contains nothing injurious. There is no danger in giving this remedy, for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by Morphew & White. Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Morphew & White. The wife of Mr. Leonard Wells, of East Brimfield, Mass., has been suffering from neuralgia for two days, not being able to sleep or hardly keep still, when Mr. Holden, the merchant there, sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and asked that she give it a thorough trial. On meeting Mr. Wells the next day he told that she was all right, the pain had left her within two hours, and that the bottle of Pain Balm was for sale at 50 cents per bottle by Morphew & White. Jack Corpening's for Fresh Fish every week. Good meals cheap.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Items of Interest from the Counties Around Us. TOLD BY THE PRESS. REESE AND LUCKIE GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE. A \$10,000 Fire at Waco—Guilty of an Assault—A New Factory for Cherryville—Two Deaths—Completely Paralyzed. Cleveland Star, November 19th. The sensational murder trial at Yorkville ended last Thursday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree as to M. R. Reese and Daniel Luckie, and recommended them to the mercy of the court. Mrs. Anderson was acquitted. Our readers are familiar with the details of the case. On Thursday night, February 6, 1896, at Blacksburg, S. C., Charles T. Williams, of Georgia, was shot and instantly killed. Suspicion at once settled upon M. R. Reese as the murderer and Daniel Luckie, brother of Mrs. Anderson, as accessory. Reese and Luckie fled and Mrs. Anderson was out on bond. A few months ago Reese and Luckie surrendered and were taken before a judge and failed. After the verdict was rendered, as above stated, deputies started to jail with Reese and Luckie. Reese broke and ran. Deputy Soogins commanded him to halt, but he never obeyed, so the faithful deputy took deliberate aim and fired and Reese fell over a ditch. The wound is very painful, but it is thought it will prove fatal. Last Saturday morning at about 2 o'clock the large dry goods and grocery store of Beam & Hoyle, at Waco, was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$10,000, with no insurance whatever. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. It is the prevailing opinion that the store was robbed and then set on fire by the thieves concerned to cover up the robbery. William Huskins, colored, was arrested last Thursday afternoon, charged with an assault with intent to commit rape upon Connie, the little six-year-old daughter of Mr. D. W. Pifer, of this place. The case was tried Saturday afternoon before J. F. Tiddy, Esq., and the negro found guilty of a simple assault and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The evidence was insufficient to convict of the whole charge. Public sentiment was strong against the negro, and if the evidence had substantiated the charge, it is feared that an infuriated and outraged public would have seen to it that justice was speedily administered. The new factory at Cherryville is almost completed. It is thought the mill will be in operation by the first of the year. The death angel visited the home of Mr. Pink Ledford last Friday morning and robbed a fond husband of a wife and four little children of an affectionate mother. Deceased was 45 years of age, a member of the Baptist church and a pure Christian woman. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. Dixon and the remains laid to rest in the church graveyard at New Prospect. Mr. Coran Washburn, son of Mr. W. W. Washburn, of DePew, died last Friday of pneumonia. He had been sick only a week. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Bridges and the remains interred at Double Springs Saturday. Deceased was a bright young man, only 19 years of age, and beloved by all who knew him. Mr. I. W. Elliott, of Waco, father of Mr. J. M. Elliott, of this place, is completely paralyzed. He is very feeble and cannot possibly last much longer. CATAWBA NEWS. A Store Burglarized and \$300 Worth of Goods Stolen—A Train Cuts Off a Negro's Arm—A Death—Other News. Newton Enterprise, November 20th. The hotel and boarding houses are taxed to their utmost capacity to take care of the Field Trial people and the transient travel. Rev. C. S. Cashwell, assisted by Rev. Bradshaw, of Wilkes county, is conducting a protracting meeting in the Baptist church at this place. Mrs. Monroe Miller, living near St. Stephen's church, died Thursday morning and will be buried at St. Stephen's grave yard Friday. We are sorry to learn that Mr. H. D. Shelby, of this place, is now making preparations to move his business and family from this place to Gastonia. The last section of the show train ran over and cut the arm off of a negro man, who gave his name as Wesley Morrison, a mile this side of Statesville Tuesday night. Burglars entered the store of Mr. L. M. Setzer last Wednesday night and carried away about \$300 worth of goods. They forced an entrance through the window. The loss is a very heavy one to Mr. Setzer, and we hope he will catch the rogues and recover his goods. THE NEWS ABOUT HICKORY. Death of an Infant—A Marriage—Hickory's Stores—Other News. Hickory Press, November 19th. Hickory now has five beef markets and fifteen grocery stores. Dr. and Mrs. Earl Baker suffered the loss of their infant child by death last week. Married, last Sunday morning, at the residence of the bride's father, H. A. Adams, Miss Lizzie Adams to Mr. Will Fry, son of Mr. J. M. Fry, Rev. Murphree officiating. The gospel meetings conducted at the Grace church by Rev. J. L. Murphy closed last Sunday. Six persons received the rite of confirmation. The night trains, Nov. 15 and 16, commonly called the vestibules, commenced last Sunday carrying regular mail and express, just as the day trains. HIGHWAY ROBBERY. Mr. Patterson Gililand, of Caldwell, Robbed of \$210—Horse Killed by a Falling Limb—Two Criminals Arrested—Other Caldwell News. Lenoir Topic, November 17th. The produce trade for the past week has been enormous. The Cleveland, Gaston and Catawba wagoners came in for their share. Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Ellie Squires, of Lenoir, to Prof. W. L. Nicholson, of Wilkes County, which is to take place Nov. 25th. Yes, between a times—little white—Hanna's boodle scatters out. It is said \$1,500 was distributed in Caldwell. We see some new \$2 bills in circulation. Was that the price paid for votes? Last Thursday Sheriff Boyd received a telegram from Johnson City, stating that Sandy Powell, the darkey who so seriously wounded Geo. Earnhardt, had been arrested and was held subject to his orders. The sheriff left last Saturday for that point and will probably return with Powell to-day or to-morrow. A man calling himself John Sweezy, but supposed to be Carter, of Polk county, who shot a policeman in that county recently, was jailed here on Monday for carrying concealed weapons and held for court. In the mean time the authorities of Polk county will be notified and his identity proven. It is supposed to be Carter, Mr. Smith, of North Catawba, the man who had him arrested, will get the \$100 reward. Mr. Phillip Chester, who lives in the Valley, had the misfortune to get his horse killed. While driving along the public road, near the Col. Horton place, a large overhanging limb fell, striking his horse full across the back, which killed it. Mr. Chester is a hard working man, and in this he has suffered great loss. Mr. Patterson Gililand, who lives in the Valley, was shot at \$210 this morning a little before daylight. He had just returned from Watauga yesterday evening, where he had collected the money. He spent last night with his mother, who lives a short distance from him, and was on his way home when he was knocked down by a heavy blow on the side of his head. One of his assailants jumped on him while the other men pulled out the day book which contained the money. Gililand took the party that there was a letter in the book for Mr. Wm. M. Morris, which he had brought from a friend at Blowing Rock. At this the robber took the money from the book and ran. There were two of the robbers, who were disguised and neither of them spoke a word. The money taken was ten \$20 bills and one \$10 bill. Gililand was pretty badly hurt. Blood was running from his nose when his son, who brought the news that he was left home. So far there is no clue to the robbers. JAIL BIRDS ESCAPE. Gastonia to Be Connected With Dallas By Telephone—New York—Other Gaston News. Gastonia Gazette, November 19th. Something hatching out in republican circles: Col. T. B. Keogh, of Greensboro, was here all day yesterday in confab with the local bosses. It will be twelve months next Thursday, Thanksgiving, since the measles struck Gastonia. One of the things to be thankful for on that day is that we haven't got 'em yet. It is reported that Evangelist W. P. Fife thinks of spending the winter in Gastonia. The telephone connections with Dallas are expected to be completed in three weeks. Manager Armstrong hopes to have the boys talking by the first Monday in December, if there's no hitch in getting the posts delivered. Gastonia has another foundry and iron works in operation and we are glad to publish the news. It is at the same old stand of the Gaston Iron Works. The Newton foundry was bought a few weeks ago from Mr. Frank Finger and has been moved down to Gastonia. Mr. J. B. Beal, of this place, and Mr. J. F. Hinson, of King's Mountain, are the movers in the enterprise, and will operate the iron works under the firm name of Beal & Hinson. Two negroes broke jail in Dallas last Sunday night and made good their escape. Up to this writing they have not been caught nor are their whereabouts known. Their names are Robert Henry and Paul Roberts. They were sent over from Gastonia since court on the charge of cow stealing. They were in a cell over the parlor, and after cutting their way through the floor of the cell, dropped through the plastering into the parlor, and went out through a window. Mrs. Loftin had heard the plastering falling about 2 o'clock Monday morning and woke her husband's brother, Mr. Brevard Loftin, Sheriff Loftin himself being away from home. He slipped on his clothes and ran out on the front just in time to see the second darkey getting up from under the parlor window whence he had jumped. He gave chase and fired his revolver at the fleeing forms, but brought down no game. Headquarters for Family and Fancy Groceries and Fresh Loaf Bread—W. B. Ratliff. Subscribe for THE MESSENGER \$1.00 a year. NOTICE—MORTGAGE SALE! NORTH CAROLINA, D. P. Cuthbertson vs. McDowell Co., Geo. M. Annis. BY virtue of the power conferred upon the undersigned by a mortgage deed executed to D. P. Cuthbertson by Geo. M. Annis and wife, on the 24th day of January, 1895, and recorded in the office of register deeds for McDowell county, in Book No. 5, on page 78, I will sell for cash, at the Court House in Lenoir county, N. C., at 12 o'clock m., on the 4th day of January, 1897, the following described lands, to-wit: The house and lot in which Geo. M. Annis now resides, and bounded by 20 poles, crossing branch to a stake on east side of the branch; then west 30 poles to a stake and pointers; then south 34 feet 29 poles to a stake; then east 14 poles to the beginning, containing three acres, more or less. Said mortgage deed was executed to secure a note of even date therewith of three hundred dollars, and this sale is to satisfy the same due on said note. Terms of sale CASH. This Nov. 26th, 1896. D. P. CUTHBERTSON, Mortgagee. D. E. HUDGINS, Attorney for Mortgagee.

THE SUN FLOWER AND ITS USES.

The sunflower is a native of America. In 1590 it was introduced into Europe, and is now extensively cultivated there, particularly in Russia, where it has been grown for fifty years, principally for the oil contained in its seed. The seeds, after the shells are removed, contain 31 per cent. of oil. This oil is clear, light yellow, nearly odorless, and of a peculiar pleasant and mild taste. It is said to be superior to both almond and olive oil for table purposes, and is used in making soaps and candles. In Russia the larger seeds are sold in immense quantities to the lower classes of the people, who eat the kernels as we do peanuts. The stalks furnish a valuable fertilizer, while the green leaves are dried, pulverized and mixed with meal as food for cows. The stalk produces an excellent fiber. It is said that Chinese silk goods commonly contain more or less sunflower fiber. The so-called Niger-seed oil is made from a species of the sunflower family, which is a native of Abyssinia. It furnishes the common lamp oil of Upper India, where it is largely cultivated. DR. T. C. SMITH, Wholesale Druggist, ASHEVILLE, N. C., Pays cash for Ginseng, Beeswax and Birch Oil in any quantity. Thirty-eight years in Drugs. We make a specialty of Shoes and Slippers. Good goods, cheap. Write from A to F. E. Mail orders receive prompt attention. Refer to any of your friends in this vicinity. F. Spangenberg, 407 S. Square, Asheville, N. C. BOARDING. Piedmont House. 50 Cents a Day; \$2 a Week; \$8 a Month. A GOOD FEED STABLE. Run in connection with the House. J. M. ELLIS, Proprietor. Marion, N. C. Taxes! Taxes!! I WILL attend either in person or by a representative at the following times and places to collect the taxes for 1896: Marion, Court House, Monday, Dec. 7, 1896. North Cove, Greenlee's Mill, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1896. North Cove, W. A. McCall's, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1896. New City, Thursday, Dec. 3, 1896. Higgins Township, Sinclair's Mill, Friday, Dec. 4, 1896. Old Fort, Saturday, Dec. 5, 1896. Dysartville, Saturday, Dec. 5, 1896. Brackets, Friday, Dec. 4, 1896. Sugar Hill, Thursday, Dec. 3, 1896. Crooked Creek, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1896. Broad River, Thursday, Dec. 3, 1896. All persons are urgently requested to meet me and pay their taxes, as the law directs. Respectfully, R. L. NICHOLS, Tax Collector. I will attend at Old Fort and New City on the dates above named to collect the taxes prior to 1896. no 20-tax. G. H. GARDEN, Sheriff. Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple project your idea they may bring you wealth. Write to the Editor of THE MESSENGER, Box 100, Washington, D. C., for their \$100 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted. COMING! The Biggest, Brightest and Best Holiday Stock ever seen in the city. Watch this space for further announcement. JAMES B. SWINDELL, JEWELER. W. B. WELSH, The North Main Street Family Grocery Store. A General Assortment of Groceries: Arbuckle's Coffee, Teas, Sugar, Canned Goods, Lard, Tobacco, Candles, Flour, Meal, Molasses, Soda and Sweet Crackers, Laundry Goods, Soap, Pearline, etc., etc. Yours for clever treatment and prices to suit the times. W. B. WELSH, Marion, N. C. A TERRIBLE COLLISION! Hard Times Struck Low Prices. ONLY BARGAINS SURVIVE! There has been an awful smash-up among manufacturers and importers lately, who, finding themselves suddenly in a tight squeeze, have been compelled to let go the lever of prices and jump for a place of safety. Some of them have landed right on our premises, and have begged us so hard to help them out of their difficulties, allowing us to name our own figures, that we haven't been able to resist, and now offer the same to the trade at 10 PER CENT. less than what other houses ask for the same goods. You have only yourselves to blame if you pay too much for your goods this fall. Here is a two-story building just chock full of new and desirable merchandise, waiting to be parceled out to sharp, shrewd, close buyers, who pride themselves on buying in the cheapest houses. Our usual line of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, and Groceries, is larger and more varied than ever. We are pleased to show goods. Yours for Low Prices and Small Profits. McCALL & CONLEY.

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