class matter.

OUR PHIST ANNIVERSARY. Like the little fellow cutting his first teeth, it has been with a great deal of latter, and not entirely devoid of the suggestion of pain (but a pleasure to sustain the effort) to do our very best in this our first anniversary edition. So far as the editors' part is coucorned-doing the write up of the county, town and local and editorial matter-we have done, amid other pressing cares, what is before you. It it shall meet your favor and appreciation we are satisfied. The other work on the issue we can the more confidently commend as being better done than ours, jucluding the work of the faithful and efficient "force."

OUR SEEDS.

In our county and in the town we have done much, but much is to be done in developing the natural resources that a beneficent Providence has so bountefully showered upon this beautiful, charming and grand region. Com mendation is due for what has been done, yet we are unable to fully develop the resources to the best advantage of all concerned; hence, we need 5,000 or 10,000 more in development; to aid us in delving in our mines, tilling our soils, manufacturing our lumber, and in turn manufacturing it into various articles of wood; canning our vegetables and fruits; enjoying our superb climate; gearing our vast water powers to the wheels of industry; and in building up our society, schools and churches.

In Marion and at Old Fort, and in a number of other places in the county, we need larger hotels that will draw and accommodate from 50 to 500 guests each winter and summer for the benefit of our climate. From \$2 to \$5 a day hotels to secure pleasure and health seekers. Our climate is superior to Asheville for this purpose. And mont," had gone into the house, we do not depreciate our present leaving the noise tied at the gate, hotel facilities, which are good but insufficient in capacity, that meet the demands of travel and, in part, the health and pleasure seeker.

This road will be worth more money to Marion in the luture than any of her factories.

several years, or until the "pike", scompleted. The three counties of Management of the several years, or until the "pike", burg, S. C., a distance of eighty-five miles from his home. A few mornings since it made its appearof Mitchell, Vancey and McDowell ance at its old home about 9 a.m., are to levy and collect until the with a trace chain fastened to its road is completed, each \$500 a neck, and much travel stained, year. Requisition has been sent in for the convicts by the road this lengthy trip in one night, swimming Island Ford, one huncommission of the counties, and dred and fifty yards wide, on they are to be here to begin ac- Broad River. cording to law, active work by the first of the coming month.

The whole length of the road This will make Muchell and Yancey, whose nearest railroad station is Marion, practically several miles nearer. The travel over a good. "pike" will become a pleasure, and

The road is to be 20 feet wide. foot is pursen, clear of roots. rocks, mudholes, etc.; to be to begin at this end first. Soon the pick, the shovel and the convict will be among us.

Do not kill the goose that lays appreciative locations. If Marion is a first rate location for such there are others. But we are appreciating factories more, and give ing them welcome. Towns have been known to be injured, and rained by exhorbitant prices for land driving, would be purchasers elsewhere. We believe this will is not denied, but there is such a thing as wise and unwise action in this matter for the good of all.

We surrender a part of our editorial space, and a part usually delis night clerk. voted to local matter, to the neces sities of the write up, which has the right of way this week, after which we shall have our complement of ed torial, news and local

tion was secured from that most excellent work, "North Carolina and its resources," by T. K. BruOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

They are the "paladium of our liberties," and the basis, for the great majority, of any future edu-

cation or training. Wise is that man and dutiful as good men have failed out of con-fellows with them. But they are

poil and ten cents upon each hun- iey. for the taxation. To any amount to do nothing. thus raised up to five hundred dollars the State will give the same. If a township votes for such a tax it shall not be repealed within what is raised by the regular State tax of twenty ceuts on the

bundrea. than sixty-five pupils on its roll (just one-half do not have so the whites and thirteen for the colored people, to a total of about a special tax of as much as five hundred dollars, securing another five hundred dollars added to the good people in McDowell county, twenty cent. State tax, the schools with millions of money to aid us will run hereafter about six (6)

Ex United States Senator Daniel Woolsey Voorhees, of Indiana, "the tall sycamore of the wabash" has bowed himself to the earththe voice of the great democratic orator and statesman will be no of duty imposed, but in the com- growth of tobacco. longer heard.

COL. BLOCKER LOSES A HORSE,

A Strange Accident-A Remarkable In-Southern's Service.

Col. O. H. Blocker had the misfortune to lose a horse yesterday in ather a strange manner. The animai was hired for an evening ride by a gentleman visiting here, and he having business at when, becoming frightened at a train passing thro' the deep rail road cut near, it broke away, and running very fast, fell in the road injuring itself, it is feared, beyord THE TERSPIRE TO MITCHELL AND day hope of recovery. This occurrence is the more unfortunate currence is the more unfortunate because the Colonel had about concluded a trade for the horse.

A remarkable instance of canine han any of her factories.

The legislature fernishes the of Crooked Creek township. He guards, tools and fifty convicts for had sold a dog below Spartan

The many friends of Capt. Wm. Pitt Terrell wil, hear with much pleasure that the Southern Railway Co. have reinstated him in will be something near 70 miles, their service, tho' it is a matter of regret to those here that his new duties require his presence at Salsbury, he having been called to work there. No effort has been spared by his friends from Asheille to Kaleigh in his behalf, and a source of profit to many when I think the Southern does well to loads twice as heavy can be have again in their employ so effiient an engineer. A rather remarkable compliment to Capt. Terrell is the fact that at this no grade to be steeper than one point now two of the best engineers on the road are doing the work he formerly did alone; tho' this is no reflection whatever on rounded for drainage by ditching them; it only goes to show that on either side and across by under the duties and responsibilities of ditching when necessary, and the place are more than one enbridged when needful. Work is gineer should have upon him. Capt. Terrell left on Sunday night

for his new position. Mr. P. H. Mashburn has also resumed work with the Southers Railway Co., but by this his many golden eggs by asking too much he has put aside his aspirations to for lots desired by manufactories, be Old Fort's next postmaster, as and thus force them to go to more he is still very much in the race, with fair prospect of final success. and will at once take charge it

Old Fort, N. C., April 13, 1897.

Asheville Hotel, Asheville, N. C. N. C., opposite the Swannanea to Washington with republicans literally another summer related, is the Asheville Hotel. It from every part of the mion, and has just been reopened, refundamental almost to a man they are opposed to civil service reform, so called, when the from the control of the monoral to the top of the monoral factor of the monoral f not be the case here. Of course a renovated throughout, from the It is a fuer that there is a volt

notel, the kitchen,

The regular rates are \$1.50 to \$2 number of them who will stand by a day, with special prices by the the law through thick and thin week or month

Democrats Endorse Some St Made By Baily-Office-Seekers ing About the Civil Service Death of Ex-Semator Voorbees.

From Our Regular Correspondent

Washington, April 12, 1897.— The democrats of the House in a citizen, and wise is that people eaucus endorsed the statements that make the most of our public made by Representative Bailey, of schools. They have in days gone Texas, when Representative Ding by been so inefficient that some ley, in response to Representative fidesee with them. But they are not intend to allow any general to be, and can be made much more legislation by the House at this session. Mr. Bailey said: "We The last legislature appropriated are not inclined to insist upon the \$50,000 a year for three years to the multiple school to the second to t be public schools, to be secured the republican party legislates. as follows: In August next in We have contended this all our every township of the State an lives, and we sincerely believe it. We have no desire to arge the Re of at least thirty cents on each publican party to make laws, but We are here ready to discuss Linville. dred dollars worth of property to any measures you desire to bring be devoted to the public schools up, but believing that nine out of ten of them would be had we are and of great variety, to the township giving a majority ready to help you if your policy is

W. Voorhees, which occurred birch abound. Saturday morning at his Wash- Of the shrut party lost one of its ablest and three years. Thus a township may hardest workers, a man who has, satisadd one thousand dollars to its for nearly half a century occupied Mr. Voorhees had been in paign. failing health for several years, most every hillside.
but his death was entirely unex. There are several Each school is to have not less peeted, although he was in his eventieth year. Hon. W. J. Bryan arrived in

Washington to-day from Florida. many). The total number in this This evening he was given a retownship, to illustrate by it, will ception by the Old Dominion Club versity, and to-morrow evening he great and delicious fragrance. will be the guest of honor at the fifty. If the township should vote big democratic Jefferson celebra-

Among the many prominent business men who are in Wash- here in exuberance. ington for the purpose of pointing out to the Senate Committee on Finance, the bad features of the ering of these herbs is an impor-tant bill, is Marshall Field, the tant industry, -in fact, it is the Mr. Field was asked if he cared to er class have of getting their meat make a statement for publication on and bread. This is a natural grass except the one general remark profitable. that it is the worst tariff bill I ever plicated and ambiguous methods

exercised over a report that Mr. Theodore Roosevel , who will qualify as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in a few days, having already been nominated and confirmed, will investigate the Brook-Ivn navy yard. It was because they feared this very thing that they fought Boosevelt's appointment to this place.

likely be reduced from fifty-six for and delivered an address before also a white variety, which grows of its visitors. Be it known, howthe law school of Columbian Uni. along the water courses, and of ever, that there are no exorbi-

for the vinous or fruity odor of its

saw, not only as regards the rates much of the soil is adapted to the The mineral products are con-

Correspondence of The Messenger.

MITCHIEF ... COL . IY.

Michell county his between the line Ridge on the south and east, and the Smeky in the north, the west having a convent and bone. We have the advantage of an

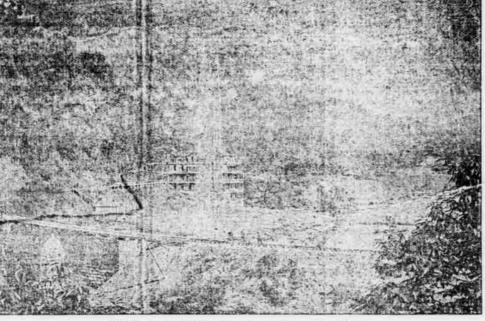
is, there being very little valley waters of Estatoe river, and upper | a natural barrier against storms. The soil of Mitchell is universal

The bickery is very plentiful; the walnut, chestnut, beech, buck-

laurel grows here most luxuri-The ivy-kalmia latifeliaoften called calico bush, conspicpublic school fund in addition to a place in the front ranks of uous for the profusion of its white pleasant in summer.

what is raised by the regular

There are a great many medicinal herbs found here. The gathwidely known Chicago merchant. only means that some of the poor- facts warrant every word. The cereals grow well,



preme Court."

the tariff bill, ex-Representative Clunie, of California, said: "I am in favor of allowing the republicans absolute sway and full scope in the making of a tariff. The freer they are left to work their will the quicker will the country repudiate their acts, for I hold that prosperity can never come from taxation, but only from a readjustment of our financial system that will put silver back to its old footing of equality with gold." This is substantially the position taken by Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, in a letter made public a few days ago, and which is endorsed by most of the democrats and gamet. in both branches of Congress.

The republicans are doing con-About the only man who has shown ready got his office who has shown any special interest in this matter, is Public Printer Palmer, who has loftily sintated first class hotel in the United States east of the Miss man, Mr. J. C. Sandin, Col. O. H. On South Main street, Asheville, bave net during my present visit to the top of the monotain man can ask what he pleases, that parlors to that important part of a against the whole system, and I otel, the kitchen,
Mr. J. F. Austin, the proprietor,
demolished for all time. I believe has had former successful hotel experience in Tennessee. Harry Barnes, of New York, is chief clerk, while Louis Nucke, of New York, the claim of those who stood by him in the comparge." That sort Miss Hattie Austin, sister of the of talk is heard every day, but Mr. preprietor, will be general house - McKinde, has given no sign, and it is keeper, and will have direct super- doubtful whether he will set aside vision of the waiters, who are white any of the extensions of the civil girls, and who come well recom-mended as to character and effi-land, unless authorized by Conciency. It goes without saying gress to do so, and the average te-that this botel will be neatly kept publican Congressman, while will Much of the information as to and will likely succeed. The house minerals, temperature, rainfall, has 47 fooms open to the public, law to please their office seeking elegant parlors, reception rooms, constituents, will besitate about voting against it, and there are a

of imposing them. There is scarce- fined at present to mica and iron, world. A pleasant trip to this conduct, while a devout man was ly a line in the bill that will not although other minerals are found. point can be made by rail and rehave to be interpreted by the Su- The famous Cranberry mines are turn on foot. On the east we beyond. He said as to being a in the northeastern part of the have probably as fine a view from saw mill man, he plead guilty; in

> produce a large portion of the quite easy by a fine road lately mica put on the market. An im- built. lubricants.

> There are four mica mills at of its citizens, who see no good Plumtree, and they grind more reason that it sould be otherwise. than half of the mica used in the whole world.

> There are several of the gems copal, in one or another of which and precious stones found in services are held every Sunday. Mitchell, among them, the aquamarine, emerald, ruby, kyanite,

The Roan mountain is in this county. It is 6,332 feet high. The siderable worrying about the civil top of the Roan is a prairie 7 service rules and how they are go- miles in length. The view from ing to get around them. At least, the mountain is grand. I have those who are after office are. been told that, with a good glass, About the only man who has albeen told that, with a good glass,

ocrats from the government print- issippi, is on the top of Roan ing office, by asking for their mountain. It is kept open through Kelly Hotel. resignations, every day since he the summer and is generally well resignations, every day since he took charge. Ex Congressman Bowden, of Virginia, who is willing to become a Federal office-holder, voiced the opinion of the office seekers when he said: "I office seekers when he said: "I

river, and has a fine hotel ready

be a great resort for pleasure and

Michell has several good comdesire to acquire an education. 12,807 - white, 12,252 ; colored, \$55. Cassanna

Gilbert clocks are the best.

De New books and periodicals Boss Platt's henchman are much | always at Swindell's.

REAUTIFUL OLD FORT.

C. in Which to Spend Pleasantly Summer or Winter, and at Little Expense.

up

Old Fort, ". C., Apr. 12, '97.

FROM CORN CRACKER

Since writing my last, the Tem-

master of his dukes. In five min-

church came in with a bench war-

the peace. This document en-

joined us to ride down a bold bad

man who worked in a saw mill six

Moreover, he had changed his

Our object was to renew our

In this special edition of THE MESSENGER I would like to give the the best all round newspaper our outside world some account of the county has had lo many years, it town or Old Fort, the best place in Western North Carolina in and complete, so important Its Location, Softwall Product - Michand Stummer or winter. The town is printed, my most hearty congrat-ulations on its birthday, and sin from Industries - Summer Resorts - admirably adapted for a winter schools - Population. ern part of McDowell county in oughly deserve. open southern exposure. Cyciones are not known to this The Arrest and Trial of a Man for Run emution except on the upper of us the color and mountains are

ning a Saw Mill and Sacriligious Con Our climate is particularly suited at all seasons for invalids, Correspondence of The Messen, ly fertile, the timber of large size those tired out with the rush and harry of life, those seeking a ple of Justice in this balliwick has quiet and pleasant frome in which a daily service. Something over a to rest and recuperate, and esweek since, the deputy sheriff of In the death of ex Senator D, eye, locust, maple, cherry and pecially for people with families this region and I met on a Sabbath of children whom they wish to eve. Of the shrubbery there is also a have the benefit of a sojourn in spiritual strength, and we fell to ington residence, the Democratic great variety. The rhododendron the mountains. Our water is undiscussing the fistic encounter beexcelled anywhere for purity, and tween Col. J. J. Corbett and the so coad that ice is not needed in summer. Our nights are always was backing the former with great vehemence, and I as sturdily show-As to the matter of expense I ing the superiorny of the latter as

delicately dotted flowers, covers quote from an article written by a a linguist, a versatile writer and a very prominent physician of East There are several varieties of the azalia, among which are the orange and lemon colored, grow-says: "The people of Old Fort of Queensbury rules, without refing to large compact clusters, and seem satisfied with boasting the eree or second, when two wildselding rare beauty to the landelegance of its climate, the beaueyed members of an upper tendom scape from the conspicuous glow ties of the scenery and an unexof its masses of bloom. There is celled cuisine for the hard dollar rant from a very learned justice of tant charges here for anything. The "sweet shrub" - calicanthus Nowhere in the South are the days in the week and sat in the seat floridus - which is much admired prices charged so moderate, and of the scornful on the Holy Sabbath. if ever a person received fu!l value chocolate-colored flowers, grows for his expenditures he will do so shoes in the sanctuary, and whishere; and nowhere in Christendom pered in meetin' to a man as vile are the people kinder, more hospitable or more anxious to render pleasant the sojourn of her visitors." High praise, this, but the

About five miles from us is Cathe tariff bill, and he replied: "No, country, and stock raising is very by lovers of the grand and beautiful, and well worth the climb necessary to reach them. On the west we have the famous Round Knob with its hotel and fountainsaid to be one of the highest in the

so by the nearly unanimous wish

Methodist, Presbyterian and Epis-

We have here six stores of gen-

Fort has a drug store, stocked de-

cidedly better than the usual vil-

Underlying bundreds

as himself and as unmitigated a saw mill operative. We were to make these daring criminals feel that hell bath no furies like a worshiper scorned; and herein we were to fail not at our peril. Mounting our official mules, we took a blood red oath to let no guilty man or saw mill man escape. In a few hours, after a dark ride over rough roads, we came to the lair of this daring transgressor. From the description we had of him, we expected to see Capt. Kidd, or some other bold buccaneer of the Spanish main re incarnated. My teeth chattered and my hair rose like quills on the fretful porcupine. Like the Prince of Denmark in the presence of the royal ghost, I felt like saying: "Angels and ministers of grace, defend us," At the stentorian call of the warlike depnty to come forth in the name of the State, a boyish looking fellow of some 25 summers opened the door, and told us to hang our mules to the picker fence, our harps on a weeping willow, if we could find one, and our guns to the bow of our saddles; to come in and smoke store cigars at his expense; that he had no idea what we wanted at such an unseemly hour, but he was always glad to meet fine haired white folks, if such we were. On getting a better view of his features, we saw he was quite handsome, with a dreamy, poetic expression, and we found further that he was quite intelligent, with very winning manners. Had we met him in a revival, he would have been classed as a young min-ister. My deputy friend informed

ning a saw mill, and sacriligious

pointing sinners to the beautiful

Speaking of whether the demo- county. They are connected by Gunter's Flats as anywhere in the fact, had been caught red handed crats in the Senate ought to resort railroad with Norfolk and South mountains, and quite near town, in the act. But as to scoffing and to fillibustering to delay or defeat ern railroad at Johnson City, Tenn. within easy walking distance, is disturbing the pure in heart, he The mica mines are the most "Wild Cat," a mountain the as-extensive in the United States and cent of which is now rendered tight shoe, and did not blow a horn had done nothing but pull off a before him or otherwise make portant branch of the industry is grinding the waste mica (nearly nine tenths of the whole), which numerous streams with which the numerous streams with which the country abounds.

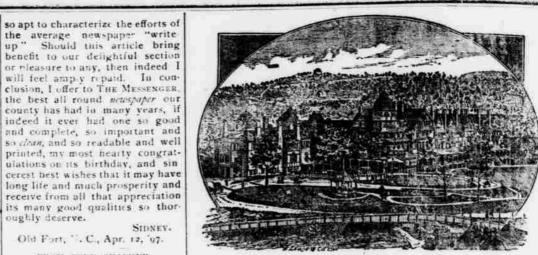
Those fond of fishing can and companion in crime. He said that, numerous streams with which the country abounds.

Country abounds, wait of the would a wooing go, and had not returned. We waited till midnight, but still be proclamation of the fact. came not. Our interesting criminal, like Yorick, was a fellow of infinite jest and most excellent fancy, and time did not drag heav-We have four churches, Baptist, ily on our bands. We failed to find the other man, and by the time our mules had eaten up his picket lence, we were ready to depart. We told him to report at eral merchandise. Then, too, Old the magisterial council house on Tuesday at a couple o'clock, and face his accusers. He said he'd lage one and attended by a pharbe present by at least two thirds macist of many years experince. majority. At the call of time on Shortly we will have a resident the day and hour appointed, he physician in the person of Dr. W. W. Clarke, now of Candler, N. C. took his seat on the mourner's bench. The odor of guano hung Clarke, now of Candler, N. C. about the garments of the officiating 'squire, and his flowing beard fell over his bosom like the vesture of a son of Levi. The male portion of the church was in solid evidence, and their lowering looks boded no good to the man in the prisoner's We have running through our dock. A very staid and circumtown a stream, Mill creek, with spect deacon deposed that somewater power enough going to body back there kept up a most waste or unatilized, sufficient to ungodly and unseemly racket, but turn the wheels of many factories. he didn't know who it was, of acres file leader of the amen corner tescial y good for the making of tiles and brick. Indeed this has been locate the sound nor swear to the presented by experts to be suman. A man who sings "I'm glad perior to any in our state. We salvation's free" then tood the have near us also a genuine mark on the witness stand, and "Tuermal Belt," in which grapes, swore that the sound was as the swore that the sound was as the peaches, and, in fact, all fruit is voice of many waters, but he was to receive all visitors.

The climate of Mitchell is delightful in summer and the winters are moderate. If we just had railroad facilities this would soon product is marketed in our town. point blank that the accused was On the farm of Mr. Thos. W. Nob latt is a cultivated Concord grape order to see him he had to turn vine fully 712 inches in diameter round from the preacher and look from which is gathered each year back. But he "seed" him and he mon schools. The collider are at heast 1000 of this delicious fruit, was a talkin' and a laughin' and temat sably bright and they show. There is probably no section of changed shoes with the other man our country where the labors of who was named in the warrant, The population of the county is the vine grower meet with greater The defendant said he whispered returns, the only drawback being a little, but tried to avoid talking the above award of excellence the imited home market, though to his comrade; that his shoe was this fact of course tends to give burting his foot, and he pulled it our people and their visitors the off, and he and his associate saw

mill man exchanged shoes. No

I have endeavored to avoid the evidence was adduced that he was



BATTERY PARK HOTEL, Asheville, N. C.

State. Had the connsels of the truly good prevailed, the evil doer would have perished at the stake. The magistrate was on his first case, and seemed to want to shoot about where you hold him. He is a vigorous feeder and reimposed a fine of \$10 and all costs,

which was promptly settled. Ere the excitement had died away, the owner of the bloodhounds and foxhounds in the bee gum case brought a wild eyed, brindle-bearded malefactor to taw. charge with taking a horse collar, a side of leather and a halter rein. He seemed to have rather taking ways, in fact, and had been a corporal in the chain gang of another county. He swore be was not ready for trial "bekaze his lawyer want thar." His lawyer turned out to be a man not conversant with Blackstone or the Code, but wise as a serpent in chimney corner statutes. He is also conversant in mica, but has never discovered or developed a paying mine. He came up promptly, and was very zealous in favor of his client. His opinions were at variance with common and statutory law, and about nine times out of ten a judge

of the Supreme Court, except the present incumbents in North Caro lina, would hardly have sustained his opinions. But his client was found guilty, and be cheerfully put his autograph at the business end of the bond for his appearance As their aggregate wealth approximates 15 cents, they will be forth coming. Another man is wanted for sheep

stealing-did it in self-defence Another stole a box of tobacco because he was starving to death Another took a sack of salt, who also plead destitution. When told he could not eat the salt, he said he could eat it with the meat he expected to steal. One man stole a setting hen. She was too poor to eat, but he managed to steal corn enough to get her very robust. Now, as everybody knows, I am

for McKinley. He was the advance agent of prosperity. He was about four years in advance, In 1900 W. J. Bryan, that blatant free silverite, will be elected; times will get better, and Bryan will get all the credit. CORN CRACKER. Cherry Mountain, N. C., April 3,

Encouragement for The Messenger.

Editors Messenger:

I am very glad to learn that you contemplate getting out a "write-up" edition of THE MESSEGER, setting forth the developments and advantages of Marion and the sur rounding territory-the country

In this edition please allow me an opportunity of expressing briefly my appreciation of THE MESSENGER and of sticking in a word in its behalf. I'll come

right to the point in a hurry. The undersigned has been a sub scriber of the various papers pub lished in Marion for the past 16 years, and also of THE MESSENGER during its life of one year. Circumstances have been such that my address has been continually changing, and in this connection I desire to say, after advising all papers alike from time to time of my changed address, that THE MESSENGER has been the only paper that has reached me regularly and on time. Notwithstanding the fact of my address having been changed, for instance, nine different times in

the past 12 months, THE MES SENGER has never once failed to come in at the appointed hour. In this criticism, however, let us give the devil his dues. Other papers have been as newsy and attractive, and at times, perhaps, moreso than THE MESSENGER. The late Mr. Flemming, the founder of the Marion periodical, the Lamp Post, gave us a number one sheet for that day and time. came Brother Eaves, who Bugled us a clean, conservative sheet for a number of years. After the Bugle the Marion paper appeared under various names and came out in the shuffle at the hands of NO - RAISE - IN - PRICES. such able editors as R. J. Page, Jas. T. Griffin, Samuel Archer, J. H. Atkins, J. C. Linney, A. H. McFaden and others. From a strictly "newsy" standpoint, per-haps Page and Atkins gave us the best sheets for the time being, (G. G. Eaves' Record also a good one) but unfortunately theirs, like the others, in the course of time invariably fell into a spirit of "innocuous desuctude," appearing by "fits and starts," sometimes 7 days apart, sometimes longer and finally disappearing entirely. At all events, the papers in the past have always reached the writer with famous irregularity. This cannot A - GOOD - FEED - STABLE be said of THE MESSENGER.

Therefore, for punctuality, reliability and general conservative ness, which are the prime at tributes of a modern newspaper, the first condition especially, THE MESSENGER, in the opinion of the writer, is ahead of any paper ever sent out from the city of Marion. Long live THE MESSENGER.

C. M. CORPENING I dost heartily do we appreciate We have determined to secure a "city reporter," that no news be missed.—En)

thisome landation of persons and drunk, and the foregoing is a sum-exagerated description of places mary of what was proved by the at Swindell's. Howard's hest machine oil

sponds well to liberal fertilization. On corn lands the yield increases and the soil improves if properly treated with fertilizers containing not under 7% actual

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Marion, N. C.

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J. M. ELLIS, Proprietor.

Marion, N. C.

Election Notice. There will be an election held in Marion, N. C., on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1897, for the pur-

pose of electing a mayor and her M F. MORPHEW, Mayor.

WM. SWEENEY, Clerk to B'd.

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