

LOCAL NEWS.

—Look for the ad of Mr. J. B. Swindell next week.

—Marion is soon to have a first-class photograph gallery.

—Mr. A. Blanton has purchased the Dale homestead from the heirs.

—Mr. George Trogden is general foreman of the Marion Furniture Company.

—Mr. Propst has purchased quite a number of lots in and about town.

—Remember that exorbitant prices drive away desirable men and their capital.

—Mr. Will Gruber, while chopping wood recently, was injured in the eye by a chip.

—Do you want to order—not a cheap bicycle—but a good bicycle cheap? Then call at this office.

—Rev. G. W. Spake will preach in the Baptist church at Hallowton on Sunday, Jan. 20th, at 11 o'clock a.m.

—The staff of "The City of Charlotte" were guests of the Flemming on Saturday and Sunday.

—Temperature for the week: Maximum, 75; minimum, 28; rainfall, .43 of an inch; sunshine, 89 per cent.

—The Flemming house and annex have been crowded to their utmost capacity during the past two weeks.

—State Superintendent Mebane has sent out a circular urging teachers to be examined on the desk set apart by law.

—Mr. E. H. House is interested in gold mining on Muddy creek, near the Huntsville mountain. He reports progress there.

—The North Carolina *Providence* presents a handsome appearance in its new dress, and is filled with interesting matter.

—There has been some talk of another saloon in Marion. Several people have been heard to remark that we have too many already.

—An artisan well to supply the town with water would likely not cost as much as to pump it from a stream. It would be pure water, too.

—The free school, No. 1, colored, will open on Monday in the house on the hill west of the Presbyterian church. Aleck Carson will be teacher.

—We are in the community to endeavor to do what moral good we may, as well as for other considerations. Else what are we here for?

—If you are in need of medicines or other drug store goods, it will pay you to read the great reduction in prices of Dr. G. I. White, on this page.

—Mr. J. S. Dysart will build a brick room 16x26, between his store and the railroad, to which Mr. Page will move his market and restaurant.

—Mr. J. G. Hall, of Hickory, has purchased the insurance business of Mr. J. L. C. Bird, and will continue it under new management other than himself.

—A new church is being built on Buck Creek, where Carson's chapel was burned last year. Also one by the Baptists near the Brown family burying grounds.

—Let us know of your church notices and news items. The *Messenger* is widely circulated, reaching every postoffice in McDowell county and a great number in surrounding counties.

—The public school per capita tax has been reduced from \$1.00 to 60 cents. This will reduce the school terms from six weeks to 6, or 30 per cent, the teachers receiving the same pay as formerly.

—The first quarterly meeting of the Old Fort circuit will be held in Old Fort on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in January at 10 a.m.

—Rev. E. Myers will preach at Providence church on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Sunday at 11 a.m.

—We learn that Rev. A. Ishida, the Japanese who lectured at the Methodist church here some time ago in New York where he will marry a Miss Stocking, whom he met while attending school in St. Louis. After the wedding they will sail for Japan and engage in missionary work among the people of that country.

—Rev. R. D. Sherrill was most persistently pounded on Monday night. At last accounts he was even doing better under such sudden treatment, for it was done with things as fill the pantry, ladder, etc., and he has additional testimony of the loyalty and appreciation of his people, which cheers the pastor as well as renders material aid.

—Messrs. J. W. Kirby and B. B. Price are arranging to put in a telephone system for Marion and which they may and should be encouraged to extend to Bakersville and Bursville, the county seats of Mitchell and Vance.

—About thirty subscribers have already been secured. The system is expected to be in working shape within a month.

—A short time since Mr. J. G. Nichols bought a Favorite Junior cornsheller of the Marion Hardware Co. A short while after this the water gate of his mill race could not be shut down one night. The water could not be turned off till morning, and consequently Mr. N. had to shell corn and grind meal all night to prevent injury to his new mill. Moral: Keep a Favorite Junior in your mill and in your farm.

—For sound, cured, western ribbed sides, call on Battle & Co.

—Miss Charlotte Walker, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Guy, will begin a school in the Kelley hotel at Old Fort on next Monday morning. Her fitness in every way will no doubt please all.

—Dr. John Streetman, formerly in the drug business here but lately of Hendersonville, will remove his family here and open the Martin store with a complete stock of drugs and medicines.

—"North Carolina on Wheels" is a gem of the kind to advertise the resources of the State. All were much pleased with their visit on Saturday to the superbly finished and choicely laden car.

—The Buffalo trestle on the Ohio River & Charleston Railway gave way a few days since. The freight train of Wednesday could not arrive, and the passenger train was very late, passengers having been transferred at the broken trestle.

—Mr. Alb. Kanipe had two of his ribs broken on Wednesday while aiding in prizing up a house near Glenwood. The pole on which he was bearing down flew up, throwing him violently off. It is supposed his injuries are not dangerous.

—The report of smallpox at Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C., has caused our people to look with favor on vaccinations. Drs. Cheek and Kirby are well prepared with reliable virus to operate on all comers. The State Superintendent of Health advises universal vaccination.

—The Morganton  *Herald*, 13th, says: The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Flemming, of near Table Rock, met with a horrible death last week. Being left alone in the house while the mother was at the barn milking, the child fell into the open fire place and was so seriously burned that it lived only a few hours.

—The text at the Presbyterian church was in 1st Cor. 15:58—Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. From the preceding discussion of the chapter as to the anatomy of the soul being removed from sin and the resurrected body to be reunited to the saved soul in glory, Paul urges to the teaching of the last verse—the text. His address is tender, asking steadiness and advance in the Lord's work, and not the unsystematic and spurting method of work. Let it be a steady, persevering, all-the-year-round method, for they who "endure unto the end shall be saved."

—At the Methodist church the text was Matt. 5:6—Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Hunger and thirst are of the strongest bodily appetites. The renewed nature in the Christian will cause him to desire a growth of the new found life. In the advancement of the life, to work for Him is more important than bodily food. Righteousness in Christ is formed in us through faith in His merits and growth in His favor. Christians should show like or greater earnestness in advancing in the divine life than men exercise in eating of the bread that perishes.

—On account of the illness of one of the principal characters the entertainment to have been given on Tuesday night at Martin's hall was postponed till next Tuesday night, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock. Admission, under twelve years, 10 cents; over twelve years, 20 cents. Following is the program:

—Greeting Song, Dialogue.—The Cow That Kicked Chicago.

—Song and Quartette.—The Poor Old Tramp.

—Tableau.—The Duet; two scenes, Choruses.—The Fancies' Dance.

—Tableau.—The Mass Lesson, Dialogue.—From Pankin Ridge.

—Quartet.—Drifting with the Tide.

—Tableau.—Going to London to Hunt a Wife.

—Dialogue.—My Jeremiah.

—Quartet.—Mother, Home and Heaven.

—Tableaux.

—Song by Troupe.—Hold de Light.

—Solo.—By Brother Jousing.

—Oration.—Ain't I Right, Eht? By Byron Christy.

—Closing Song.—We'll Lay Down.

—Remarks on next Tuesday evening at Martin's hall.

—Roll of Honor.

—The following is the honor roll at Marion Institute for December. Requirements, 90 or recitations, no demerits:

—Mills Boddix, Annie L. Blanton, Charlie May Blanton, Lucile Blanton, John Carter, Todd Chase, Julia Chase, Bonnie Carr, Charles Carr, Harry Cline, Roscoe Cline, Fanny Crawford, Elma Carson, Mollie Dysart, Mand Eaves, Sallie Finley, Kate Finley, Maud Greenlee, Wright Guy, Edwin Guy, Mattie Guy, Emmet Guy, Stevie Gruber, Josie Gruber, Mary Logan Gilkey, Maggie Hyams, Kate Hyams, Myrtle Halliburton, Seagle Halliburton, Myrtle McNeely, Olena McNeely, Essie Morgan, Edgar McCall, Leon Neal, Bessie Poteat, Ben Poteat, Alice Poteat, Willie Pollard, Ben Sisk, Agnes White.

—Martin's Postoffice Receipts in 1894: Postmaster Crawford has kindly given us the following statement of the business at the Marion postoffice for 1894 and 1895, showing an increase of 32 per cent in the last year. There was a small falling off in registered letters, due to our excellent banking facilities.

1894. 1895.  
M. O. issued, 808 864  
M. O. paid, 817 984  
Stamps can., \$1,436.92 \$1,559.60  
Boxes sold, 1,583.75 1,822.50  
Rm rents, 50.25 74.02  
Net receipts, 1,434.00 1,861.52  
Increase of business, \$427.52.

—TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY. Take Lavative Bromine Quinine Tablets. All the mucus and the mucus of the bowels is driven out, and the bowels are cured.

—To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets and eat a little of the 25c. If c. c. c. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Maj. J. W. Wilson, of Morganton, was up on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cooper were in Statesville this last week.

Mr. John Cheek left this week to resume his position in Asheville.

Col. J. C. Horton returned from the north on Thursday afternoon.

Editor J. W. Count, of Morganton, made us a visit on Saturday.

Messrs. C. F. Osborne and Chas. Young are boarding with Mrs. W. H. Bobbitt.

Miss Katie May Newland came up this week on a visit to her friends here.

Mr. Crawley and Mrs. Macy, of Tuscola, Ill., are stopping at Mrs. McDonald's for the season.

Mr. E. P. Gilkey, of Asheville, was here several days during the past week visiting relatives.

Mr. A. Phillips and Miss Lillie Phillips, of Tuscola, Ill., are here to spend the winter at the home of Mr. John Owens.

Mr. J. H. Hemphill came up from the N. C. Midland R. R., in construction from Mooresville to Mocksville, on Thursday. He says the Marionites on the road are doing well.

—Old Fort News. Correspondence of The Messenger.

Quite a deal of excitement was created in our usually peaceful village this afternoon by the action of a young man, Hugh Bean, who, coming in on an east-bound passenger train from Asheville pretty full of "snow paw" attempted to take possession of the store of Mr. J. K. Crawford, and succeeded for a short time in so doing; but Mr. Eddie Crawford, rallying to the support of his father, an encounter ensued, in which Mr. Bean received quite severe wounds in the face and was taken away by his friends. What a terrible thing whiskey is when injudiciously handled!

In an account of the cutting affair between Henry Wilson and Bud Kelley, sent the *Democrat* by its local correspondent has given an injustice, without intent I suppose, is done Wilson, who is a young man of very good reputation and not a drinker. The facts as I gather them and as brought out at the separate trials, are that Kelley (instead of Wilson) was the attacking party under the influence not only of liquor but jealousy, a feeling which since the world began has prompted men to more desperate deeds than any other influence.

Miss Mary Rice, who has been visiting her brother, our popular school teacher and friends here and at Greenlee, returned to her home in Buncombe county on Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Melton, of Buncombe county, is teaching the public school at Siloam, which opened on Monday last with about thirty scholars.

Old Fort's public school began again Monday, after a two weeks' vacation for the holiday season. This school is, under the management of its efficient teacher, Mr. C. A. Rice, better carried on than usual.

Prof. P. C. Harmon is engaged now in instructing a class of twenty two of Old Fort's brightest young people in the art of vocal music. SIDNEY.

—Do you want a suit at cost? Buy from the stock of readymade clothing being closed out at wholesale sale figures at Mrs. McCurry's store.

—Everybody Says So. Cascarets candy cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleanses the entire system, dispels colic, cures headache, fever, biliousness, constipation and indigestion. Please buy and try a box of c. c. c. today. 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

—Bethel Briefs. Correspondence of The Messenger.

There was a good attendance at prayer meeting Wednesday night. Mr. Ulysses Walker conducted the meeting.

This weather of January is fine and like that of spring.

Mr. Will Burgin is talking of going to Henderson with his cousin, B. M. Burgin.

Mr. Chas. Gilliam has gone to Henrietta on business.

Mr. Bradshaw Burgin, of Glenwood, formerly of Buncombe county, died Jan. 5th. He was buried at this place last Friday. Rev. Jesse Sorrels conducted the funeral service, which was largely attended.

Rev. M. G. Ledford preached at Salem church on Sunday.

The foxes are killing the chickens in this section. Who will kill the foxes? LULA.

—Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy cathartic cure constipation forever. If c. c. c. fail, druggists refund money.

—Most of the Men's and Boy's suits have found buyers at the McCurry cost sale. Call at once, or they will be gone.

—Estate's Earnings. Correspondence of The Messenger.

Mr. Ed. Pendergraft and Misses Bertha Butt and Nora Ray, of Garden City, were over the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jimison at Estate, and their friends at Spruce Pine and Deer Park. Miss Mamie Ray, who has been visiting her sister some weeks, returned with them to her home in McDowell county.

—Married, at the residence of J. E. Jimison, Mr. Dom. Cox and Miss Mary Hale, M. J. Boon officiating.

—Mr. Salva Hampton and family have moved to Marion, where he joins Mr. McKinney waiting to build up the city.

—Mr. S. Worthen has gone to Ledger to be convenient to the Wing Library.

—There has been considerable activity of late in the mining of mica in this section. PICKETT.

—Jan. 11, 1895.

—To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets and eat a little of the 25c. If c. c. c. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

DRUG STORE GOODS REDUCED IN PRICE. ... FROM ... One-Third to One-Half.

To the People of Marion, McDowell and Adjoining Counties:

We have made arrangements to buy our drugs in wholesaler's quantities, and in future propose to sell them to you at actual price to wholesale dealers for spot cash. We do not claim to sell you the goods at ACTUAL COST to us, but by buying them in large quantities and paying cash for them, we have them delivered and get a small discount off. Yet we DO claim that we will sell you drugs at the price that any other druggist in McDowell county can buy them.

Below we give a list of a few leading articles and the prices to which they have been reduced. All other goods have been reduced in the same proportion.

Here Is a List of Drugs That Sell Everywhere at \$1.00 Per Bottle; We Sell Them to You as Follows:

- Root-Ten-Na... per box...67 cents
Pierce's Favorite Prescription per bottle...67 cents
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery...67 cents
Harter's Iron Tonic...67 cents
Full of Multine Preparations...67 cents
Scott's Emulsion, large size...67 cents
Hood's Sarsaparilla...67 cents
Ayer's Sarsaparilla...67 cents
Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy...per bottle...67 cents
S. S. S...67 cents
B. B. B...67 cents
King's New Discovery, large size...67 cents
Paine's Celery Compound...67 cents
Peruna Tonic...67 cents
Warner's Safe Cure, former price \$1.25; now...85 cents

The Following Articles That Have Heretofore Sold for 50 Cents, We Now Sell as Follows:

- Mellin's Food...33 cents
Malted Milk...33 cents
King's New Discovery, small size...33 cents
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, large size...33 cents
Simmons Liver Regulator, liquid...33 cents

The 25-Cent Articles Reduced as Follows:

- Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup per bottle...17 cents
Bull's Cough Syrup...17 cents
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, small size...17 cents

The 10-Cent Articles Reduced as Follows:

- Castor Oil, 4-ounce bottles...5 cents
Laudanum, 1-ounce...5 cents
Paragoric, 1-ounce bottles...5 cents
Godfrey's Cordial...5 cents
Bird Seed...5 cents

The 5-Cent Articles Reduced as Follows:

- Essence of Lemon, 1-ounce bottle...3 cents
Essence of Cinnamon, 1-ounce bottle...3 cents
Liniments of all kinds 17 cents a bottle, including Yager's, Mustang, and Barker's Nerve and Bone.

Remember that these are only a few samples of prices of hundreds of other articles kept constantly in stock; everything else has been reduced in proportion. Now, friends, these Prices are for Spot Cash, and please do not ask for credit.

Yours for Low Prices, GEO. I. WHITE, DRUGGIST.

P. S.—Please remember that these are not old, second-hand drugs, but are new and fresh.

STATE NEWS.

The Mt. Holly Times has suspended publication owing to insupportable depression. The State guard numbers 1,794, an increase of 153. Not a company disbanded during the past year. The guard was called out eight times.

The J. L. King Company, tobacco manufacturers of Greensboro, has failed. Liabilities, \$20,000; assets estimated to be about \$29,000.

Mr. David Wilson, who was shot and rebled of 1837 by outlaws near Cranberry a few weeks ago, is recovering. On account of the darkness at the time, Mr. Wilson is unable to describe his assailants.

Mr. L. S. Corpening has sold his interest in the Watanga hotel at Bowling Rock to Mr. Tye Banner, of Banner's Elk. Mr. Corpening, we understand, gets Mr. Banner's land in the trade.—Lenoir Topic.

The Bonded Warehouse Company at Charlotte has begun work. It is to receive and store cotton and other products at low rates, issuing negotiable certificates. The warehouse will have a capacity of 20,000 bales of cotton.

C. B. Williams, one of the committee to promote the establishment of a State textile school, says that over fifty letters have so far been received from cotton mill owners, and that without exception they favor such a school.

Architects in North Carolina have an opportunity to compete for the \$50,000 offered as prizes for the best designs for the various buildings of the University of California. Secretary of State Thompson has the specifications, etc.

The grand jury of the Criminal Court at Wilmington returned a true bill against Giles Anderson for murder, by shooting through the heart with a pistol Theophil Carl von Gilszewski, a fireman of the British steamship Kirkholm.

Old "Uncle" Austin Craig, of Gamewell, who is past 81, is the happy father of a girl baby which arrived at his home Christmas week. The child has the usual number of toes, but six of them are on one foot and only four on the other.—Lenoir Topic.

North Carolina has 185 cotton mills, with 1,023,132 spindles and 23,374 looms, according to recent statistics. This represents an invested capital of over \$20,000,000 in this one enterprise alone, over 90 per cent of which is North Carolina money—owned by North Carolina home folks.

FOR EXCHANGE—House and lot in city for North Carolina town or farm property. Address, P. S. SNYDER, No. 38 Rawlings Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

At Blanton's Old stock pretty well closed out, and NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY for Mid-Winter Trade. Come to see us, and bring your Produce. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS.

A MAN MUST EAT TO LIVE. AND HE WANTS HIS FANCY AND FAMILY GROCERIES GOOD AND FRESH. WE HAVE on hand a fresh stock of such goods, with all kinds of Plain and Fancy Candies and other Confections. We shall keep on sale a supply of fresh home fruits; also, foreign fruits, such as Lemons, Oranges and Figs. Selected Mixed Nuts. The best brands of Flour sold. We offer the best Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos. Goods exchanged for Eggs, Butter, etc. Our motto is "Quick Sales and Small Profits." Call and see our stock. MOST RESPECTFULLY, Battle & Co., MIDDLE OF SEIGLE BLOCK.

If Dysart Sells It You May Know It is Good and Not Too High. DO YOU WANT TO DRESS WELL? Then see our new line of Fall and Winter Goods. Tams cloth for evening dresses, Irish dress linen, lawn plaids, silks for any purpose, calicoes, dotted swiss and trimmings; general line of Gentlemen's Negligee Shirts. Also, Shoes (the Douglass Shoes), Hardware, Farming Implements, Harness Goods and Saddles, Lime and Cement, and Groceries. J. S. DYSART. Marion, N. C., March 22, 1897-t f.

Worth of Clothing at Cost FOR CASH. DESIRING to close out my entire stock of ready-made clothing, to devote my attention to other lines, I have decided to offer, for cash, my large stock of Clothing at Cost. I mean what I say, and nothing else. To show the reduction made, I quote prices on goods: Suits, formerly \$14 00; now \$12 50. Suits, formerly 12 00; now 9 00. Suits, formerly 10 00; now 8 50. Suits, formerly 9 00; now 7 00. Suits, formerly 6 00; now 4 50. Suits, formerly 3 00; now 2 25. Boys' suits, formerly \$1 25; now 85 cts. Boys' suits, formerly 2 25; now \$1 75. Boys' suits, formerly 3 00; now 2 25.

These are only a few of the figures. Come and see for yourself. I propose to do what I say. Be sure to see me before buying. Mrs. J. C. McCurry.

MEETING WITH DESTINY. No man can tell when it will come along. Often it starts up before us in unexpected times and places. Even an afternoon stroll with a friend and a chance introduction may shape all the course of one's after life. To be always at your best and not ashamed of your destiny, you must dress like a true gentleman. This can be done by ordering your Suits and Overcoats of M. BORN & CO., The Great Chicago Merchant Tailors. Who are unrivaled Masters of the Tailoring Art. 300 NEW PATRONS FROM MATERIAL. Perfect Fit. New Style. Latest Styles. Best Workmanship. Thrifty Prices. A Cheery Guarantee With All. Call on J. Q. GILKEY, Agent.

THE CHATTANOOGA PLOW. Needs no one to blow it. It is able to blow its own horn. Guaranteed to scour in any and all kinds of land. This Celebrated Plow, Cane Mills, Plow Points, Shears and Mould Boards. Can be found at the Marion Hardware Company's, who are agents for McDowell county. See them and be convinced. ...YOURS TO PLEASE... Marion Hardware Company, AGENTS FOR CHATTANOOGA PLOW CO'S PLOWS AND CANE MILLS.

SOMETHING NEW JUST OPENED. AT E. L. GASTON'S are some beautiful designs in the Dress Goods Department. It will pay you before purchasing elsewhere to examine his Broadcloths, Dress Flannels, Cassimeres, Plaids, and Woolen Goods of all kinds. He can furnish you also Something New in the way of Skirt Binding, called "BRUSH-BRAID." I also have the Latest Thing in Dress Trimmings. I especially invite you to see my Thorough and Complete Stock of Clothing. VERY RESPECTFULLY, E. L. Gaston.