

LOCAL NEWS.

—We have had unusually warm days for March.

—The weather is becoming mild. Do not forget the prayer meetings.

—Don't forget the entertainment next Monday evening for the benefit of the Presbyterian church.

—The telephone exchange opens at seven a. m. and closes at ten p. m.—not in operation on Sundays.

—After the entertainment is over in Martin Hall on next Monday night delicious refreshments will be served.

—Rev. Wm. H. White will preach at Belfont academy on Crooked creek on Saturday night before the first Sunday of April.

—Mr. Mont Shirland and Miss Charlie Davis were married on last Sabbath by Esq. Monroe Reel at the latter gentleman's home near Craig, this county.

—Within about a month, we are told, one of the two houses to be built on the lot Mr. J. M. Bobbitt bought is to be begun. Later the other may be erected.

—One of the prettiest, daintiest fronts in town is the pink store front at McCall & Conley's. Enquire within for other pretty colors in fabrics for spring wear.

—Do you want new and good spring millinery of any kind? If so, then allow us to direct you to the establishment of one of our advertisers—Miss Sallie McDonald. Read her ads in this issue.

—Mr. E. L. Gaston has your needs and comforts, for only reasonable profits, in his store. Read his advertisement of new spring goods and call on him.

—Messrs. Payne & Decker shipped lumber to High Point this week. With ten furniture factories located there our sister town buys of us, and we are glad to sell her material.

—Mr. Ab. Blanton has just returned from Baltimore and New York where he replenished his varied line of spring and summer fabrics. Read the index of items in another column.

—On Saturday Mr. C. A. Bird was brought up before Commissioner Eaves for distilling, concealing and retailing. After hearing the witnesses, pro and con, the matter was taken under advisement by the court.

—Now we have the telephone, how about water works? Several persons of much knowledge on the subject have lately been heard to say that we should not much longer do without water works. Can we afford to do without it?

—A. M. Sneed, living near Old Fort, was arrested on Monday morning by Deputies Blalock and Gillespie for blockading whiskey, and, on sufficient evidence before Commissioner Eaves, was bound over to the Federal Court.

—Last Tuesday—the 22d, the vernal equinox—the days and nights became equal. To June 21st the days will increase in length over the nights, when to Sept. 21st the days again decline to equal length with the nights, after which, to March 21st again, the nights are the longer.

—Last week Mr. Merritt Burgin, of Buck creek, was cutting down a tree in the woods, when it lodged on a neighboring tree. In trying to dislodge it, a dead limb fell on his head, knocking him senseless for a time. He lay awhile alone, and when found and taken home was in much pain. The skull was injured.

—We are pleased to have received from Mr. J. Michaux Corpening a most artistic invitation to be present at the commencement exercises on the 27th inst., of the 47th year of the medical department of the University of Nashville, Tenn. Within a few days he will receive his diploma of doctor of medicine as having completed the full three years course. He will arrive home within about a week.

—Mr. Claude Powers has opened the subscription list for tickets for the lecture of Gov. Bob Taylor, on "The Fiddle and the Bow." He is trying to secure 200 subscribers in Marion, and the adjoining towns will be called upon later. Let all who are going notify him at the Flemming. The price is lower than it ever has been. Tickets 50 cents each.

—The entertainment for the benefit of the Presbyterian church next Monday evening, March 28, under the direction of Miss Hall of Scranton, Pa., and Miss Vosburg, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., will be the finest event of the season. The programme as printed in another space is very complete, both dramatically and musically. We hope that our friends may show the young ladies appreciation by giving them a crowded house.

—As before mentioned, let us secure needed improvements and they will help us to secure desirable immigration. We have ever favored and will favor securing water works on long time bonds. It can be done easily. Electric lights we are told, might be secured from the power furnished by the plant of the Payne & Decker Co. This is being looked into. Streets with better roads and side streets would immensely aid our growth, already marked.

—The telephone system. On last Saturday the telephones of the system were connected and since then we have been busy calling up "central" from different parts of the town. Messrs. Kirby and Price deserve many thanks for their perseverance, patience and skill in giving us a system as good as the best in the country, it is said—the "Imperial Phone No. 6." A clear, distinct whisper, by actual experiment, can be heard over the entire system. The management are very highly pleased with the result. They deserve every encouragement in keeping it up.

To obtain the most satisfactory service subscribers should talk in a clear, low, measured tone of voice. The louder and more rapid the words are spoken the more difficult it is to be heard. Marion can be congratulated in regard to its phone system. Another mark of our upward progress.

Qualifying Growth. We have climbed up over the seven hundred notch in the number of MESSENGERS that go out regularly from this office each week. This speaks for itself as an advertising medium. By fall we want to pass the one thousand notch. To this end we ask our friends to aid us. Please give us the name of a friend in or out of the county who would like to take the paper. From now till January 1, 1899—nine months—to new subscribers, when paid in advance, 65 cents.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

BENEFIT OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1898. PROGRAMME.

I. OVERTURE. Wagner. II. CANTATA—Quartet Among the Flowers. III. VOCAL SOLO. IV. JUVENILE TABLEAU. V. ONE ACT DRAMA OF INGMAR. VI. SOLO. VII. DRAMA—Lady of Lyons. VIII. TABLEAU.

Doors open at 7:30 p. m. Programme begins promptly at 8 o'clock. ADMISSION: Adults, 25 cents; Children, 10 cents.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. W. W. White left for Asheville Saturday to visit friends.

Mrs. John Yancey, jr., is on a visit to her home in Lincolnton.

Mrs. J. G. Yancey is on a visit at the home of Mr. D. N. Lonon.

Mr. Milton Bailey passed through town Monday on his way to Bakersville.

Mr. J. M. Bobbitt is expected soon from a business trip to Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. R. A. Higgins, store keeper and gauger, of Dysartsville, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Jas. Gilkey came over from Asheville on the 20th for a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. Jas. Hemphill came up recently from the new Mooresville and Mocksville railroad.

Attorneys E. J. Justice, A. Newland and J. L. C. Bird attended court at Morganton this week.

Miss Sallie McDonald has gone to Knoxville on a business trip in interest of her millinery trade.

Atty. W. T. Morgan returned a few days since from a business trip to Asheville and Columbus.

Conductor W. H. Kelly of the Southern, whose home is at Old Fort, was down this week on business.

Mr. DuBrutz Cutlar, jr., who was here on account of the illness of his father, has returned to Wilmington.

Mrs. D. N. Lonon, who is at the famous John's Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, will remain a few weeks for treatment.

Mr. W. W. McConnel and wife, who recently came from Lenoir, have moved to the house just below Mr. Dysart's.

Messrs. Willie Wilson, of Round Knob hotel, Allie Burgin and Jim Young, of Old Fort, came down on Monday to hear "His Excellency."

Mr. John Ratliff left Saturday for Salisbury and Greensboro, on his way to Batte, Mont., to resume his position with the electric railway.

Mr. Geo. W. Sandlin, of Old Fort, who has been stationed at Hot Springs and Bltmore, is night operator here at the Southern, stopping at the Flemming.

Mr. W. W. White has bought a lot from ex-Sheriff J. G. Neal, located between Mr. T. A. White's and the Presbyterian church lot, on which he expects to build a dwelling house.

Dr. Guy S. Kirby arrived on Tuesday from New York. He had gone to Richmond and New York to lectures on the best treatment of certain prevailing and difficult diseases. He aims to keep up with the growing science of medicine.

Miss Lennie Greenlee arrived home on Saturday from Harrisburg, Pa., where she has been for some months secretary for the McFarland Printing Co. She will remain home during the summer, cultivating flowers and bulbs for distant markets, returning next fall.

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"His Excellency."

Marion's opera house was filled with eager spectators on Monday night to witness "His Excellency," a comedy drama, in which Edwin A. Davis played to perfection the role of Baron Alvin St. George Sharlock.

The drama was interesting and exciting throughout, and each part well sustained by its actor.

Marion seldom has the opportunity to secure such a good performance. The audience was appreciative, and, on the whole, all seemed well pleased.

The music furnished by Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Moran was beautiful, and the management of the hall was well conducted by Mr. Claude Powers.

To Hold a Teachers' Institute. The county commissioners have done with a view to appropriate \$100 with which to hold a teachers' institute for McDowell county.

Mr. J. G. Hall, representing the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., the United States Casualty Co., and a number of leading Fire Insurance Companies, has associated with himself Dr. G. I. White for the more thorough establishment and conduct of an up-to-date insurance business.

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