

LOCAL NEWS.

Next Monday is Commissioners' day.

Remember the entertainment tonight.

Mrs. M. L. Taylor, who has been quite ill, is better.

Ground has been broken for the Methodist parsonage.

McCall & Conley's new roller gun engine is on the way here.

Mr. Gillett has sold a roller engine to a gentleman in Bakersville.

Meas. J. G. Grant and Mills have not been very sick lately.

If you are in arrears to THE MESSENGER please call on us when you are in town.

At the time this paper is printed, it is believed that war with Spain is imminent.

The Marion Furniture Company have some new machinery on the road for the factory.

This is the time of year when many stores, usually attractive, take on a seely appearance.

The rain that fell this week was very timely for gardens and in preparing farm lands for crops.

Please note the sale of valuable lands by Mr. J. L. Burgin, administrator of Thos. Lytle, deceased.

The ships of our navy are being painted a lead color. For fighting purposes this is very appropriate.

The fence on the west side of the street just west of the M. E. Church has been moved back, making the side walk wider.

One good evidence of the true advancement of a country is its good highways—roads that can be traveled with both pleasure and profit.

Bailey Bros. of Spruce Pine, have some wood working machinery en route to their valuable timbered mountain lands, in Mitchell county.

The long continued rains of the first part of the week have raised the Catawba river and other streams several feet, say those who have seen them.

In consequence of the pastor attending the funeral of Miss McKay on Sunday last, the usual service in the Presbyterian church was omitted that night.

To make the telephone system the most valuable to us the more phones we can afford the better. All who can afford one should have it. We have quite a number for this size town, but the more the better.

The house formerly occupied by Mr. J. S. Elliott is being repaired, into which Mr. and Mrs. Hagan will move. Mrs. Barne has moved from this house just across the street, where Mr. C. M. Coppening lived.

Peace can be had with true honor, let us have peace. Yet a firm, intelligent, unyielding policy will win the quicker bring that kind of peace between this country and Spain. Her history shows that she must be dealt with by a strong hand.

In the Asheville Gazette a communication appeared from Barkersville stating that stock was being taken there for a telephone line to this place. There is confidence of success. Let it come. Connection will be cheerfully made for it with our system here.

When the ditches along the sidewalks were guttered much would have been saved had the sidewalk been placed from the ditches to the ground surface. As it is the rains of the winter and spring are causing the edges of the sidewalks, next the sidewalks especially, to crumble badly.

The excessive, continuous rain of Monday and Monday night made it impossible to have the proposed entertainment in Martin's Hall. However, the entertainment will come off tonight in Martin's Hall, curtain rising at 8 o'clock, doors open at 7:30. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the programme is concluded.

Miss Lillie McKay, a sister of Miss Maggie McKay who took part in the entertainment here some time ago, died of paralysis at her home on Saturday last at 1:15 a. m. The funeral, which was largely attended, was conducted on Sunday afternoon at Siloam church by Rev. W. H. White. The deceased had been a member of the church about six years.

A number of citizens have been heard to say that they have become tired of our lack of system, and hence no public roads worth speaking of as compared to good roads. They say that they are willing to be taxed reasonably and have the money judiciously expended in better roads, rather than go on in the present "slip shod, run down at the heel" fashion. Good roads can only be had by a combination of taxation and labor by which all may aid. Only the best modern roads should be considered good enough for this section. They are an investment that pays. Would it not pay to build a good road from here to Mitchell county by a stock company? When are we to have something else besides roads on paper?

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Col. Blocker, of Old Fort, was down this week.

Ceph Blanton left on Tuesday for a visit to friends in Asheville.

Mrs. J. M. Bobbitt left last Friday for a visit to Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. W. D. Pearson, of Parisburg, Va., was here the past week in the interest of the Religious Review of Reviews.

Dr. Patton and family, who had been visiting in Shelby and Charlotte, passed through to Chicago yesterday.

Miss Addie Hall left on Tuesday for her home in Scranton, Pa. She had spent several months here, making many friends.

Rev. C. A. Monroe, of Lenoir, came up Tuesday on matters relating to the Home Mission Committee of Concord presbytery.

Mr. E. H. House returned a few days since from a trip to the far western counties of the State, inspecting mica and timber lands.

Sleeping Car Service.

The Tourist Sleeping Car Line operated by the Southern Railway between Washington and San Francisco without change, via New Orleans, has proven so successful that it has become necessary to make a semi-weekly service, the westbound departure being on Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

This sleeper offers sleeping car facilities to persons holding first or second class tickets, the berth rate being only \$7.00 from Washington to San Francisco, Los Angeles, or Portland, berth being large enough for occupancy by two people, if desired, without extra charge.

These sleepers run through Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, and connect with similar cars for Oregon.

Information in regard thereto may be had from any Southern Railway Ticket Agent, from Mr. A. J. Poston, Gen'l Agent, Sunset Tourist Excursions, 511 Penn. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C., or from Mr. W. A. Turk, G. P. A., 1309 Penn. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.

All the nobby things in hats at BLANTON'S.

The opening of Spring and Summer Millinery Goods will take place at Miss Sallie McDonald's on Friday and Saturday, the 1st and 2d of April. Then you will see the latest and best styles of hats, caps, lace, ribbons, flowers, etc.

University of North Carolina.

From a catalogue of the University of North Carolina just received we notice that that institution of learning now consists of 35 instructors; 377 academic students; professional 143; summer school for teachers 185, making a total enrollment of 695, exclusive of all duplicates.

The attendance, not counting the summer school, exceeds the highest number ever reached (in 1877-'78) by 47, and includes for the first time women among the list of students, one of whom, it is noticed, is a member of the senior class, a graduate of Guilford College.

A new department, that of pharmacy, has been added, which enrolls 17 students the first year.

The University desires the correct address of every alumnus of the institution in order to supply them with all its publications and thus keep in touch with them.

Scriven's patent elastic seam drawers, the best in the world, for sale by A. BLANTON.

Have you seen the great bargains in Trimmings Hats at Miss Sallie McDonald's, at only 50 cents each.

Mountain Retreat.

From a circular from Rev. J. C. Collins, of New Haven, Conn., it is seen that the last payment has been made on about 2,300 acres of land at Mountain Retreat, near Black Mountain. Materially, this insures the success of the noble enterprise. The other elements of success we believe will not be lacking.

The drawing of the first 300 lots will take place some time in June or July. After the first 300 lots are sold at \$52 each, the price will double on the next series of lots.

About \$7,000 in bonds have been issued, nearly all of which are already taken at face value, with which to improve the property by making roads, streets, etc.

The circular is adorned on the front with a picture of Mr. Mitchell, from the top of Grey Beard, the northernmost limit of the Mountain Retreat lands.

The next two weeks' assembly will begin August 16th.

Remember the Millinery Opening at Miss Sallie McDonald's April 1st and 2d. A greater variety of pattern hats than ever before brought to Marion.

Land and House for Sale.

The ten acres of land, all cleared, and manse (parsonage) near Greenlee, will be sold by the trustees at private sale for reinvestment in a manse in Marion. The land is bounded by tracts of Mr. Balou Biddix, Mrs. M. R. Greenlee and Newton Buchanan. Intending purchasers will please see or communicate with Mr. John C. McKay, Old Fort, N. C., or apply at this office. apr 1-2t.

A HOME OF ONE'S OWN

THE VALUE IT POSSESSES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE NATION.

The Peace and Happiness That Are Found Only Under One's Own Vine and Fig Tree—The Possibility of Attainment to Men of Small Incomes.

Napoleon said that the man who had a wife and children had "given hostages to fortune." In a yet stronger sense have the man and woman made a beginning toward permanent success who have found for themselves a home, for the possession of which they are both willing unwaveringly and steadfastly to use systematic self denial. When a young couple have ceased to roam about from one undesirable flat to another and need no longer talk of "when we lived in East—street or West—street," but can exultingly speak of "our little place," they have risen 30 per cent in their own self-esteem and are at least 100 per cent richer in the true joy of living. Inasmuch as my illustration takes a financial form, since money, the power to obtain this blessing, lies at the root of the matter.

Always a strong adherent to the advantages of country living, it is to me natural to associate the very idea of homemaking with rural surroundings. When God created our primary progenitors, we are told that he placed them in a garden as the best, the happiest, environment the divine wisdom could devise for their development. Amid things which have grown with their growth and perfected under their care, man and woman still find a peculiar peacefulness that no one can define and a happiness impossible elsewhere.

That heart ownership which comes only to the man and wife who have won and made their home is oftentimes found in suburban towns and villages, and rarely extends to the dimensions of an acre. The tree that shades the door, the vine that climbs over the porch, the pretty little garden in the rear, are loved not as inanimate things, but as part and parcel of their lives, and the falling of a leaf and the fading of a bud raze a sorrow. It is quite a different homecoming to a man who sees his children standing at his pretty gate ready to run down the safe and quiet street and find his wife at the open door than when he is lifted by a creaking elevator to some unknown height, where danger threatens the young lives if the door is but left ajar, and he has to look for a number to tell whether he is on his own (rented) floor. From the hour a man and wife own their individual, personal home a thousand new interests enrich their lives, and the dwelling and its surroundings are a part of themselves that a loose shingle or a stain on the doorstep is of serious importance.

However extreme the theories of some of the "land for the people" philanthropists may be there is a deep, integral truth in the basis of their arguments. Men and women are happier, are morally elevated, are better citizens, for owning their share of God's earth. I have long believed that the happiest people now living in our country are the skilled mechanics of our rural cities and towns, whose ambitions are limited to the acquisition of an unincumbered home, well built, and set in a lot large enough to insure privacy and a garden.

While watching the long drawn out repairs of an old country house I came in contact with a notably intelligent and representative body of workmen. At dinner hour they grouped themselves under the trees, to the fruit of which they were made welcome, or found pleasant places to avoid the noontide heat. They were buoyant, heartily cheerful, with a quick readiness to laugh with sincere enjoyment. They discussed politics, town improvements, school taxes and general conditions of the country; they had enthusiasm and hope.

I talked much with these men. An eagerness possessed me to find a clue to the reasons for the wide difference in their view of life and that of my own circle of young friends. I was left in no doubt. They were, every man, either already "freedholders" or nearing that distinction. Their cottages sprang up in every direction where the large landholders left half an acre to spare. They slept under their own roofs, they lay down proudly, sure that wife and children were sheltered from the power of removal or ejection and that they were, personally, increasingly of value to the community in which they lived.

The best of these workmen earned \$1,000 a year, a part of them from \$650 to \$700. It seemed to me incredible that they had been able to buy land in such a town and improve it, still less creditable that they could build and furnish such cottages as they lived in. They were more than ready to explain their system of saving through the various co-operative and building schemes of which the town had many.

It has ever since remained a problem to me, increasing in complexity and interest as the years go on, why young couples, with twice the income of these thrifty and happy mechanics, remain homeless and live in cramped flats and tiny apartments which, if they have children, are but enlarged cages, while the same opportunities these men used are open to them for obtaining the treasure of a home indelibly theirs, on which they can expend the taste and ingenuity which are inherent in most young Americans. Perhaps it is want of understanding of the ease with which they can obtain the result, a lack of comprehension of the responsibility and trustworthiness of associations of various sorts organized to this end.—New York Post.

Smart.

She—When you post a letter, do you stick the stamp on yourself?

He—Certainly.

She—I always stick it on the envelope.—London Judy

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure 25 cents.

The hearing on the application for a receiver for the Western North Carolina Railroad has been postponed to the May term of Rowan Superior Court.

Beauty Is Blood Deep

Clean blood means a clear skin. Scurvy without it. Cascades cure scurvy, clear your blood and keep it clean by stirring up the liver and driving all impurities from the body. Leads to health, pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascades—beauty for 10 cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Valerona Cows.

The editor of the London (Or.) Globe saw a deed of cow valor that was worth recording as well as seeing. A herd of cattle, and among them two cows, accompanied by their calves, were grazing in tall dead grass when the calves became separated a little from the rest of the herd.

Just then two huge, hungry coyotes crept up through the grass, cut off the calves from the rest of the cattle and started in pursuit of them. After running about 200 yards the calves came to a high, five wire, barbed wire fence, and, being small, managed to get through it. On the other side of the fence was an open pasture.

The wolves quickly followed the calves through the fence and were rapidly running them down on the other side, when the two cowmothers discovered what was going on. Each uttered a loud bellow, hoisted her tail and started for the rescue.

It appeared to be a hopeless chase, for the wire fence intervened, and the cows were certainly much too large to get through it. They knew well enough that it was there, and could, besides, see it plainly, but both cows plunged together straight into it.

The watching editor, horrified, looked to see them hurled back, frightfully wounded, but instead one of the posts gave way under the onslaught, the wires sank down, and in another moment the mothers were on the pasture side of the fence, badly cut and bleeding, but still able to charge the wolves successfully and put them to flight.

Soon the cows were licking the rescued calves affectionately, and the coyotes were howling a disappointed duet from the summit of a knoll near by.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascades.

Candy cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c. If c. c. fail, druggists refund money.

Great line of shirts at BLANTON'S.

Social Gayeties.

To be entertaining when one ought to be asleep. To eat sweets and salads when the stomach craves the simplest food or none at all. To laugh when one wants to cry. All this and much more society demands of her followers. What a strain on the nerves of delicate women!

The dreadful headaches. The excruciating pains in the back and limbs. The blues. All such symptoms indicate serious derangements of the delicate female organism, and must be overcome at once. Remove the cause. Strengthen exhausted nature.

Bradfield's Female Regulator

Is the standard remedy for the weaknesses and irregularities peculiar to women. Bradfield's Regulator is not a mysterious mixture of mythical origin, but a standard remedy compounded in accordance with scientific principles from approved vegetable medical materials. Bradfield's Regulator is endorsed by physicians who have examined it, and has been in successful use over a quarter of a century. It is sold by druggists at one dollar a bottle. "Perfect Health for Women" mailed free upon application.

THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents.

Sale of Valuable Land.

ON Monday, the second day of May next, I will sell at public auction at the Court House in Marion, McDowell county, one undivided half interest in the following tracts of land in said county, to-wit: Property of late Thomas Lytle, deceased: Three hundred acres on Catawba river and Oldade creek, granted to Noah Sumner and Thomas Lytle, date April 9, 1861.

Also one other tract of one hundred acres, known as the "Fortune Old Field" on the south side of one fork of Catawba river.

Terms of sale 10 per cent cash, balance in six and twelve months. Title to be retained until the purchase money is paid; note and approval required.

This March 21st, 1893.

J. L. BURGIN, Administrator of Thos. Lytle, with the will annexed.

NORTH CAROLINA, A Superior Court, McDowell County, J. S. Pate, Clerk.

Mrs. John Patton and Young Patton, vs. J. L. Burgin, Executor, vs. John Patton, Will Take Notice.

This is a special proceeding for a partition of the lawborn lands in McDowell county in which two claims on record, and you are hereby commanded to appear and answer or demur to the petition filed in my office in clerk's office in Marion, said county, on or before May 9th, or relief prayed for, will be granted.

This March 21st, 1893. Signed by order, D. B. PRICE, C. S. C.

DRUGS! DRUGS!

Look! Read This!

I HAVE NO SECOND-HAND DRUGS to offer you, but I have just returned from Baltimore, where I purchased a full and complete stock of Pure Drugs and Chemicals fresh from the manufactories, and which I propose to sell as CHEAP or CHEAPER than elsewhere. We all very much dislike to have to take medicine, but when we do, is it not natural that all intelligent people prefer to buy their Drugs where they can get them Pure and Fresh. This is where I count on your trade.

I can as fully and confidently commend to you my line of Toilet Goods, Stationery, etc. Respectfully, M. F. MORPHEW.

Mrs S. P. Lees, of New York recently added \$500 to her former donations to the Barium Orphan Home of the Presbyterian church, making a total of \$1,600 which she has given to that worthy institution.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascades candy cathartic, 10c or 25c. C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

J. H. GORMAN, Graduate Watchmaker and Optician. Specialty made of the very finest watch repairing and adjusting. Spectacles scientifically fitted and a fit guaranteed. HIGH ART ENGRAVING. Yours to please. J. H. GORMAN, Leading Jeweler. DISOSWAY, THE DRUGGIST, OLD FORT, N. C., Offers to his customers an absolutely correct stock of Drugs and Patent Medicines.

Fresh and Reliable Garden Seeds. Philadelphia Onion Sets.

Real Estate Office... OF McDONALD, DALE & Co. in Martin building, Room No. 1, up stairs. MINERAL and TIMBER LANDS A Specialty. Correspondence solicited. Respectfully, McDonald, Dale & Co., Marion, N. C.

IMPROVED... INSURANCE FACILITIES. The undersigned, 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. L. White for the more thorough establishment and conduct of an up to date insurance business. The companies we represent are known of all men to be leaders in the insurance field, whether it be life, accident or fire protection that is sought. We propose to deserve the patronage of the entire public in a general insurance business by bringing to their aid the business experience and personal activity of our senior, Mr. J. G. Hall, aided by one or more of his sons, as may be necessary, and the office immediately in charge of Dr. White will, we think, be abundant guarantee that Marion and surrounding community will have such attention given to insurance in all its branches as will be the best guarantee that every interest will be safe in our hands. Very respectfully, HALL & WHITE.

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SAW MILLS! ANY SIZE, SUITABLE FOR ALL KINDS OF WORK. Low Down Cyclone Separator. Mariou, N. C., Jan. 7, 1893-t f.

Big Values for Next Week. The Yankee Dollar Watch at... 79 cts. The King Nickel Stem Wind at... \$1.79. The Elgin Key Wind, Open Face... 2.75. A Pair of Tip-Top Spectacles, worth 75 cts; a case with each pair, for... 25 cts. The above goods are warranted to give satisfaction, and we mean it. JAS. B. SWINDELL, Jeweler.

EASTER DRESSES! YOU WANT ONE? Now is the time to buy—Newest, Latest, Up-to-Date AT BLANTON'S, EVERYTHING NEW IN SPRING DRESS GOODS. Come in and inspect our stock. No trouble to show goods. Respectfully, A. BLANTON, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothier.

FOR SALE BY J. H. GORMAN The Best Bicycles In the World. Prices from \$35.00 to \$125.00. FULLY GUARANTEED. J. H. GORMAN. WANTED. TEN THOUSAND CUSTOMERS to examine our New and Complete Line of Fresh Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, etc. "The blood in spring time purify" is an old saying. All doctors advise a blood medicine or tonic in the spring. A little money invested in some of our fresh stock of medicines now will save you lots of suffering and a big doctor's bill. It is easier to stay in good health by taking a little medicine in time than to rebuild your whole system after letting it run down. "An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure." We have just what you need. S. S. S., B. B. B., Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, Hood's Sarsaparilla, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and the greatest of nerve tonics, Paine's Celery Compound, besides all other Standard Preparations necessary for a Complete Line. Call on us before buying. Respectfully, WHITE & YANCEY.

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. Tarnis cloth for evening dresses, Irish dress linen, lawns plaid, 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, Mariou, N. C., Jan. 7, 1893-t f.