LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

[illegible] Plants for sale at this [illegible]

[illegible] plants for sale. Apply [illegible]

[illegible] Greenlee has return- [illegible] Point.

[illegible] H. Bennett is visiting Charlotte.

[illegible] concrete sidewalks [illegible] nicely.

[illegible] L. White visited in [illegible] the week.

Miss Pearl Tate spent Sunday [illegible] in Bridgewater.

[illegible] Snider, of Bostic, was [illegible] during the week.

[illegible] McNeeley is at home [illegible] from Middlesboro, [illegible]

[illegible] District No. 9, Marion [illegible] will vote on local tax [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] Howenstein, of Fort [illegible], is here visiting [illegible]

FOR RENT—5 room cottage on [illegible] street. Apply to Geo. [illegible]

Mrs. J. T. Booth, of [illegible] visitors here last [illegible]

Mrs. John H. Gray [illegible] and Sunday in [illegible]

[illegible] Rourm, of Vein Mount- [illegible] business visitor here [illegible]

[illegible] E. G. Goforth and T. [illegible] both of Nealsville, [illegible] yesterday.

Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee [illegible] Tuesday from a visit to [illegible] Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. [illegible] W. Laughridge and [illegible] Higgins are spending [illegible] with relatives at Dysarts- [illegible]

[illegible] S. Freeman and two [illegible] Spencer, visited her [illegible] J. W. Streetman, last [illegible]

[illegible] W. and Ben Cooper [illegible] from Statesville, Tuesday, [illegible] few days fishing in Mc- [illegible]

[illegible] Miller, of the Martin [illegible] Clothing Co., spent the [illegible] week with relatives in [illegible]

[illegible] friends will rejoice to learn [illegible] Mrs. A. Blanton, who has [illegible] ill for the past week, is [illegible] cent.

[illegible] Gunther, a clever repre- [illegible] of the Charlotte Observ- [illegible] here in the interest of that [illegible] Tuesday.

[illegible] D. Lefbetter attended a meet- [illegible] directors and officers of [illegible] National Bank at Forest [illegible] last week.

[illegible] Kelley attended the Pyth- [illegible] meeting in Statesville [illegible] Tuesday, representing Mt. [illegible] No. 58.

Miss Jessie Ratliffe went to Salisbury, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Edwin Shaver, who died Monday.

Clip out the coupon and send for the booklet on "Fire Prevention and Fire Insurance", advertised by H. W. Dysart in this paper.

C. I. Smith, an experienced barber of Shelby, and brother of M. S. Smith, has accepted a position in I. W. Saunders' barber shop.

The Brown - Hewitt Lumber Company, of Marion, mentioned in this paper last week, is granted a charter, capital stock $25,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan F. Kirby and daughter, Ruth, have returned to Altapass after spending several days with homefolks in Marion.

Mrs. B. A. Cheek spent Saturday and Sunday in Asheville, returning Monday accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Jack Edwards and baby.

Morganton district conference of the M. E. Church convences at Glen Alpine, to-day. Rev. H. H. Jordan and A. B. Gilkey will represent Marion.

County Commissioner H. A. Tate, of Greenlee, was in town Saturday. He says wheat is looking fine and prospects are favorable for a large crop in McDowell this year.

The first home-grown strawberries of the season were put on the market Tuesday by Miss Perry, of Elhanan Institute. She sold J. R. Murphy five gallons and they retailed at 25c per quart.

J. W. Streetman has purchased the property of Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Cheek at the head of Main street, it is understood, and Mr. Cheek has purchased from C. F. Meacham the T. C. Morgan residence on Morgan street.

James M. Haney, of Nealsville, who has been a sufferer of rheumatism for some time, returned home last Thursday from Hot Springs, Ark., greatly improved. The baths proved beneficial and he says he feels well and hearty again.

The election for city officers for Marion will take place next Tuesday. The following ticket will be elected without opposition. For Mayor: H. W. Dysart; for Aldermen: D. E. Hudgins, C. E. Prestwood, S. H. Yancey, J. Q. Gilkey and J. A. Laughridge.

Arrangements are being made to have an old time fiddlers' convention at Nebo, May 15th. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the school library. Fiddlers of McDowell and adjoining counties are invited to enter the contest and a great time is anticipated.

L. A. Pangle, proprietor of the Foundry and Machine shop, announces that the plant is complete and ready for business. Mr. Pangle is an experienced Machinist and has a splendid equipment for turning out work with dispatch. General machine repair work will be made a specialty, as will be seen by his ad in this paper. We wish him success.

Laymen's Union Meeting.

Following is the program for the Laymen's union meeting to be held in the court house next Sunday night, May 2nd:

General subject—The Sunday School.

(1) The Qualifications and Duties of Superintendents—J. E. Guy.

(2) Qualifications and Duties of Teachers.—A. B. Gilkey.

(3) Duties of Parents—B. B. Price.

There will be some good music. Everybody cordially invited.

B. B. PRICE, Chr'm.
E. H. DYSART, Sec'y.

Contract for Mill Let.

A letter received by Dr. Geo. I. White yesterday from Mr. D. D. Little, of Spartanburg, S. C., states that the contract for the cotton mill building has been let to Messrs. Ebaugh & Ebaugh, of Greenville, S. C. It is understood that work on the building will be commenced immediately. The building will be modern and up-to-date. This announcement will be received with no small degree of interest in business circles, as this new industry means much for Marion.

Awarding the contract was delayed on account of the illness of Mr. Little.

Base Ball Saturday.

At 2:30 p. m. Saturday the Asheville School Team will cross bats with Marion here and an interesting game is promised. The line-up for Marion is as follows:

Giles, first base; McBrayer, second base; Will Blanton, third base; J. W. Winborne, short stop; Chas. Crisp, pitcher; Exum Davis, catcher; B. G. Carr, right field; Perkins, center field; Grose, left field.

The Manufacturers' Club has issued a neat Leaflet advertising Marion, and business houses and individuals who can use same to advantage are requested to call and get them at the office of H. W. Dysart, Secretary.

We have just received a car of good hay, also cotton seed meal and hulls. Best bran and shorts, oats and corn. Let us have your feed order. Gaston & Tate.

Mrs. Mary J. Mashburn, of Nealsville, was shopping in Marion last Saturday. While in town she paid this office a visit and was a pleasant and substantial caller. Mrs. Mashburn says she has been very successful in the poultry business and that her truck farm is bringing her good returns.

Permanently relieves constipation and indigestion. Regulates the bowels, builds up waste tissue, makes pure blood. You grow strong, healthy and robust. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the safest, nicest Spring tonic. 35 cents. J. W. Streetman.

FOR SALE—Young mare 6 years old in good condition. Apply at Eagle Hotel.

Splendid Entertainment.

The entertainment at the opera house Tuesday night given under the auspices of the Guild of St. John's Episcopal church was a great success. A large and appreciative audience was present and the program was capably rendered. Quite a number took part in the entertainment and all acted well their part. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was of a very high order and was highly enjoyed. The door receipts amounted to about $48. The program was as follows:

1. Polonaise in A Chopin—Julia Burton
2. Duet Il Trovatore Blake—Mrs. Decker and Miss Decker
3. Vocal Duet Barcarole Kuckson—Mrs. Pless and Mrs. Giles
4. Pantomime Reveries of a Bachelor Pianist—Thomas Reader—Miss Hudgins Bachelor Mr. [illegible]

CHARACTERS

First Love—Josephine Bird
Tom Boy Sweetheart—Thelma Hicks
His First Kiss—Margery Pratt
The Spirit of Co Ed—Laura Crawford
Gipsey Girl—Mrs. Eb. Neal
The Girl from the Golden West—Maggie Morris
Indian Maiden—Sallie Finley
Daughter of the Regiment—Julia Chase
The Twins—Misses Burton and Blanton
His Waltz Dream—Louise Murphey
Yatching Girl—Martha Whitten
Maid from Italy—Moffett Sinclair
The Chrysanthemum Girl—Rena Neal
Maid of the Red Cross—Alma McCall
The Merry Widow—Lelia Cogen
The Bride—Joyce Decker

5. Guitar and Mandolin—Messrs. Smith and Gilkey
6. Vocal Solo [illegible]—Mrs. Bird
7. Piano Duet After the Charge—Engelman—Julia Burton and Nellie Blanton
8. Male Quartette—Messrs. Guitar, Smith, Gilkey and Greene
9. Piano Solo Invitation to the Dance—Weber—Mrs. P. A. Reid
10. Vocal Solo The Message of the Violets—Mrs. J. W. Pless

Violin Selection by Prof. [illegible]

AN INTERRUPTED PROPOSAL

CHARACTERS

Stephen Howard, a practical joker—W. C. Smith
Samuel Tracy, his friend—J. J. Cutlar
Thomas Stone, a bachelor—H. W. Dysart
Mrs. Stone, his wife—Mrs. H. W. Dysart
Helen Stone, their daughter—Miss Laura Blanton
Mrs. Ramsey, their next door neighbor—Rena Neal
Betty, a maid—Maggie Morris

We want your chickens and eggs and will pay 20c cash for hens, 15c for frying size and 15 to 25c each for young roosters, and highest market price for eggs. Gaston & Tate.

C C & O Schedule

On May 2, 1909 the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway will establish through passenger service between Johnson City, Tenn., and Wilmington, N. C., via Bostic, N. C., in connection with the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Leaving Johnson City 8:15 a. m., arriving Bostic 2:15 p. m. Charlotte 5:10 p. m. Monroe 6:05 p. m. Hamlet 8:00 p. m. Wilmington midnight. In the opposite direction this train will leave Wilmington at 1:00 a. m., arriving Hamlet 7:00 a. m., carrying sleeping car to Hamlet, arriving Monroe 9:25 a. m., Charlotte 10:15 a. m., Bostic 2:00 p. m., Johnson City [illegible] p. m.

All trains will be run on Eastern Standard Time.

The equipment will be new and strictly first class.

We have some Fertilizer in stock as follows: I. X. L. [illegible] Acid phosphate at $1.75; McGavocks Special Potash Mixture at $2.00; Biglow's Crop Grower 2-1, at $2.50; Star Brand Guano 8-2-2, at $2.60. Gaston & Tate.

Western Union Lineman Killed.

Willard Y. Hicks, a Western Union lineman, was killed here last Thursday about 3 o'clock p. m. With other linemen he was engaged in stringing wire when the wire he was handling came in contact with an electric light wire carrying 2,300 volts. Hicks was killed almost instantly and other linemen were badly shocked and burned.

Mr. Hicks was a son of Willis Hicks, of Lincolnton, this county. He was about 26 years of age.

Double up your wit in order. Remember the proverb, "Honesty is the best policy." That's what Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will do, greatness upon regulation. Test it. Tablets. [illegible] W. Streetman.

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Miss [illegible] Mar[illegible] Millinery [illegible]

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A Fresh and Well Assorted Line of Groceries and Fruits

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T. E. SNIPES & CO.

KERN'S CANDIES

"Taylor Made" Candies

A full line of fresh Groceries.

ED. MORRIS

"ASK MOTHER"

This has a familiar sound in every home. When we want to know where anything may be found, with one accord we cry, "ASK MOTHER." MOTHER is supposed to be a walking encyclopedia, knowing everything. But there is one very important matter concerning which MOTHER'S knowledge fails. If the home should burn down does MOTHER know where the money is to come from with which to build a new one? She does not, because she leaves this matter to FATHER. He is supposed to know all about that. But does he? Ask him if he knows the name of the company in which the home is insured. The chances are ten to one that he does not. If he knows the name of the company, ask him what he knows about its strength and reputation. Ask him if he has ever read the policy. Ask him—but perhaps you will have asked enough. Sometimes FATHERS get impatient when you ask too many questions about business matters which a woman is not supposed to understand.

FATHER can readily answer all such questions and will know how the home and the lives of the family can be safeguarded from fire if he will read and heed the suggestions contained in a book published by the **Hartford Fire Insurance Company** called **"Fire Prevention & Fire Insurance."** This book is full of valuable information. It has seperate chapters for the Householder, the Merchant and the Manufacturer. It tells how to prevent fires. How insurance should be written. It ought to be in every home in America. It is free. Ask FATHER to send for it, or send for it yourself.

H. W. DYSART, Agent
Marion, N. C.

Please send me your booklet "Fire Prevention and Fire Insurance," advertised in The McDowell Democrat.

Name.....

Address.....

If you are about to build, send also for our other booklet, "Structural Safeguards for Dwellings." It describes the safest methods for dwelling construction.

Do You Want to Make $100.00?

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Interwoven Hose for Men, price 25c

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Special

All Wool Blue Serge Suits, worth $16.00 to go at $12.75

Just Received

A beautiful assortment of ladies Dress Collars, Jabots and Laces.

Millinery Department has new goods and lots of them.

The folks from the country are cordially invited to make our store their home when in town.

P. A. REID & CO.

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Dixie's 100 per cent Pure Paint

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Staple Goods Going AT COST.

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Orders solicited for Ice.

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That's the name of our new, easy, comfortable and stylish guaranteed pure four ply Linen Collar at 15c, 2 for 25c. Several other styles in sizes from 12 in Boys to 20 for large fat necks, prices 10c to 15c.

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Another shipment of [illegible] Ties, Sunny Samson and Stephens. The "Vestman" and "Derby" [illegible]

Men and Boys Tennis Shoes and Oxfords in Black and Tan with Rubber and Leather Soles at [illegible] and $1.00. [illegible] comfortable and easy. Come [illegible]

Don't forget that when you buy Dry Goods from us you get everything that entitles you to pretty dishes or a $[illegible] Talking Machine. Ask for coupons when you make your purchase.

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