

TOWN DIRECTORY.

R. F. McLEAN Mayor.
ENOCH BURNS,
J. LEACH,
W. J. JEWERS,
J. P. CURRIE,
 Commissioners.
J. P. SMITH, Town Marshal.
KNIGHTS OF HONOR, No. 1,720 meets on second and fourth Wednesday's at 7:30 P. M. **J. B. WEATHERLY**, Dictator **B. F. McLEAN**, Reporter.
FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE Council meets on Tuesdays after second and fourth Sundays at 7:30 P. M. **A. McL. MORRISON**, President.
Y. M. C. A., meets every Sunday at 7:30 P. M. **WM. BLACK**, President.
MAXTON GUARDS, **WM. BLACK**, Captain, meets first Thursday nights of each month at 8 P. M.
CHOSEN FRIENDS meet on second and fourth Monday in each month, **Argus Shaw**, Chief Counselor; **S. W. Parham**, Secretary and Treasurer.
SILVER STAR BAND, **W. S. NICKERSON** Leader, meets each Monday and Thursday at 8 P. M.
MAXTON LODGE, **KNIGHTS OF PYTHIUS**, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.
ROBESON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY **H. McEachern**, President.
W. W. McDiarmid, 1st Vice President.
Dr. J. D. Co-m, 2nd Vice President.
A. D. Brown, Secretary.
Wm. Black, Treasurer and Depository.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 Rev. Joseph Evans, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,
 Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. O. P. Weeks,
 Rev. J. P. Finlayson, Jos. McCollum,
 J. P. Smith, Duncan McKay, Sr.,
 N. B. Brown, Dr. J. L. McMillan.
ADVERTISING COMMITTEE.
J. P. Smith, D. H. M. Neill, J. A. Humphrey.
 Place of next meeting—Lumberton, N. C. Time of next meeting—Thursday, May 30th, 1889, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.
 Bibles and Testaments can be purchased of **Wm. Black**, Depository, Maxton, N. C., at cost.
 All churches and Bible Societies in the county invited to send delegates.
 Forward all collections to **Wm. Black**, Treasurer, Maxton, N. C.

CHURCHES.
PRESBYTERIAN, REV. DR. H. G. HILL, Pastor. Services each Sabbath at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.
METHODIST, REV. W. S. HALES, Pastor. Services second Sunday at 4 P. M., and fourth at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
MAXTON LITERARY SOCIETY meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.
MASONIC.
MAXTON LODGE A. F. & A. M. meets 1st Friday night in each month at 8 P. M.
GENERAL DIRECTORY OF ROBESON COUNTY.

Senator, **J. E. Purcell**.
 Representatives, **Hamilton McMillan**,
D. C. Regan.
 County Commissioners,
J. L. McLean,
J. H. McEachern,
W. J. Regan,
D. A. Buie.
 C. S. C., **C. B. Townsend**.
 Sheriff, **H. McEachern**.
 Tax Collector, **R. O. Pitman**.
 Reg'r Deeds, **S. W. Bennett**.
 Treasurer, **W. W. McDiarmid**.
 Board of Education,
 Rev. J. S. Ivey,
J. S. Black,
J. S. McQueen.
 Supt. Pub. Instr'n, **J. A. McAlister**.
 Coroner & Supt. of Health, **Dr. R. F. Lewis**.

Residents in the west and northwest portions of Texas are calling the attention of the legislature to the wholesale destruction of deer which is now in progress in these sections. The animals are killed simply for their hides, and the slaughter is said to be somewhat unprecedented. The killing is fair enough, as it is all done with the rifle. It is the constancy with which it is done and purpose of which is objected to by those most affected. Ten years ago an entire section of country, which is now under fence, literally swarmed with buffalo. They were exterminated, however, in three years' time, and strictly by the rifle. The deer bid fair to go in the same way.
 The New York Telegram says the asser-tion that the household of President Harrison is the largest which ever occupied the Executive Mansion, is erroneous. The family of the President consists of Mrs. Harrison, his son Russell Harrison and his beautiful wife and one child, Mr. J. Robert McCreese and wife the daughter of Mrs. Harrison, and two children. The largest White House family, including those of the married son and daughters, irrespective of residence, was that of President Tyler, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, his son Robert, who married a daughter of Thomas Athorppe Cooper, the great English tragedian, his daughter Mary and her husband, Henry Lightfoot Jones, Letitia and her husband, Judge Sample, Elizabeth and her husband, William Waller, and the younger children, John Alice and Tazewell.

ALL OVER THE SOUTH

NEWS FROM EACH STATE
FARMERS' ALLIANCE ACTIVE—NOTES OF ACCIDENTS, ETC., CLASSIFIED.
SOUTH CAROLINA.
 The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association convened at Greenville Thursday.
Judson Peoples, who was shot by John Clay at Barnwell on April 4, died Sunday. A coroner's jury was impaneled, and the verdict was that he came to his death by a shot discharged from a pistol in the hands of John Clay.
 It is stated that a syndicate has been formed with the view of purchasing all the undeveloped phosphate lands in South Carolina. Three or four tracts of about 300 acres each, have been sold recently to the combination at from \$60,000 to \$70,000 each. Lower South Carolina is said to contain thousands of acres of phosphate beds.
 A meeting of the stockholders of the Charleston News and Courier company unanimously elected Major J. C. Hemphill manager, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Capt. F. W. Dawson, who was murdered March 12. It is not probable that there will be any further change in the staff of the paper, at least for some time to come.
 West Keeler, colored, one of the convicts rec'd at the penitentiary from Greenville county, made a break for liberty while working on the canal and was shot by the guard. He had been convicted of larceny of live stock, and only had one year to serve. The bullet entered the left hip from the rear and made its exit through the right groin. The penitentiary physician entertains very little hope of his recovery.
 The Governor has pardoned Randolph Cook, convicted at the September, 1888, term of court, for Marlborough county of cow stealing, and sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for one year. The pardon was strongly recommended by Senator McCall, Col. Knox Living-ton and other prominent citizens of Marlborough county, and endorsed by the Judge and Solicitor, for the reason that there is ground for the belief that Cook was only guilty of receiving the stolen property, and had already been sufficiently punished.
 At Leesville the marshal arrested a drunken Irishman and put him in the guard house for safe keeping. During the night the guard house was consumed by fire and the poor unfortunate was roasted alive. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is thought that when the man awoke and found himself confined he attempted to burn his way out. He is said to have been a sewing machine repairer, and his name is supposed to be John 'Boyle. The verdict of the coroner's jury was in accordance with the above facts.
VIRGINIA.
 A difficulty arose between Cockey Smurr and Bernard Donnelly at Alexandria, and they settled the matter with a pitched battle, Marquis of Queensberry rules. 'Squires' Cotts, of the town, then settled the sluggers by arresting them and fining them \$15.00 each.
 Mrs. Maria Grasty, wife of Philip L. Grasty, a prominent merchant of Danville, took an overdose of chloral Wednesday night and was found on the floor, in the middle of her room, the next morning, where she died during the night.
 The sales of revenue stamps at the Danville Custom House for manufacture of tobacco in March were \$47,042.67, which is an increase over February sales of \$3,005.92. Sales for March, 1888, were \$28,793.20. The increase in March this year over the same month last year is \$18,249.36.
 Further reports of damage by the recent storm show that the loss of oyster vessels on both bay and seaside is much larger than at first supposed, and the loss of life correspondingly greater. Three more bodies were washed ashore near Cape Charles, one of which was that of Capt. Chanlock, of Eastville.
 The Virginia and Kentucky Railroad Co., D. S. Pierce of Wytheville, president, previously reported, will build a railroad to the Kentucky State line, a distance of 200 miles, via Stuart, Wytheville and Tazewell C. H. Six tunnels will be constructed averaging 1,000 feet each. The survey will commence in May. J. C. Wrenshall, of Danville, is chief engineer.
 A fatal wreck occurred on the York River branch of the Richmond and Danville railroad, about two miles above West Point. The heavy rains of Saturday washed out a culvert and a part of the dam between the tank pond and the river, and an engine and seven freight cars plunged into the washout. Two men, a colored brakeman and the fireman, a young man named Durvin, were buried under the cars and killed. The engineer, named Lyrea, was terribly scalded, but managed to crawl out.
FLORIDA.
 The Inter-state Military Demonstration opened in Jacksonville auspiciously.
 It is reported that a cigar factory employing 200 hands will be removed from New York to Tampa.
 elected in November, 1890, and there will be thirty days interim between the end of Senator Call's and the regular session of the Legislature elected in 1890.

COTTON CULTURE.

MISTAKES IN FERTILIZING.
Where Farmers Err in the Use of Phosphates—Pork at 3 Cents.
 The ordinary yield of cotton is not sufficient to pay the grower his expenses and the common wages of a laborer. The census reports give the average yield per acre in Georgia as 187 pounds; South Carolina, 140 pounds; Alabama, 130 pounds; and the highest in Louisiana, 220 pounds. As a bale of 450 pounds per acre is not uncommon with good farmers, and the best culture produces 1,000 pounds, it is evident that the lowest yield must be much below the average. Indeed, many fields produce no more than fifty pounds per acre, and some wretched patches may be found, without going far to find them, upon which as little as fifteen to twenty-five pounds per acre only is grown. What a waste of labor and of land, and of possible wealth to the community!
 Cotton is a crop that exhausts the land and requires a rich soil or a well manured one to yield its best, and its best, as yet, no one knows; but 1,500 pounds of lint per acre has been grown by a well known farmer in Georgia. It requires nitrogen and phosphoric acid, but it gets only the latter, which alone is useless for the crop as food would be to a man without water. Plants must have every element they require, or they cannot grow, and the rule among the cotton planters is to use "phosphate" only. This results in a starved crop and loss of labor. It has been found that stable or yard manure, or such compost in which this forms a part, is the best food for the cotton plant, and the best place to put this food is in the rows where the seed is planted. A good compost is made of pen or yard manure, black soil from the woods, or a swamp, or from ditches, with cotton seed and phosphate. Only the cheapest fertilizer can be used for this crop, on account of its low price, and the cheapest is made at home. Southern farmers waste millions of dollars worth of manure every year by turning their cattle out in the woods and leaving their hogs to run on the roads. Pork could be made in the South for three cents a pound by feeding corn, sweet potatoes, peas and bran, but millions of pounds are purchased at ten to fifteen cents a pound. And all the manure which the hogs would make if kept up and fed would be worth as much for the cotton crop as all the "phosphate" which is bought.
 To produce profitable crops of cotton a thorough change is needed. Long ago southern farmers were told of the benefits of diversified crops; of growing clover, grass, peas and other fodder crops, and breeding stock and making manure; and now we urge a better culture of the leading Southern crop not that twice as much cotton may be grown on one-third of the land at a third of the cost for the culture, and the spare land be in corn, peas, millet and clover, and then the clover turned under for cotton. A rotation of crops is indispensable for profitable culture of the soil, and under this system an excellent rotation would come in. One enthusiastic and progressive farmer in the South says he is not going to stop until he grows five bales of cotton to the acre. He has grown three bales and will grow five beyond a doubt, and we dare say he will not stop trying for more, even then.
Why a Boot Shines.
 You see, we smear the boot with a preparation of bone-black, which is entirely devoid of lustre, and then, by the friction of a dry brush, make it shine like the sun. There is not another process like this anywhere in the arts, so far as I know, says a writer in the Atlanta Constitution, and I never read anywhere any scientific explanation of the process. I have a theory of my own, however, which I will give you for what it is worth. The key to the mystery lies in the fact that a diamond is nothing but crystallized carbon. The blacking is a little more than carbon paste, and the friction of a hair brush being one of the most efficient methods of generating electricity, has the effect of crystallizing the carbon of the blacking. As soon as this is done the boot is covered with millions of infinitely small diamonds, and of course, begins to shine as a mass of diamonds would.
Pine Straw Versus Jute.
 Negotiations have just been concluded between the Acme Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington, N. C., and out- side capitalists for the immediate erection throughout the pine region of the South of factories for manufacturing pine straw bagging for cotton, and the projectors claim these factories will not be run in the interest of any trust, but on business principles for legitimate profits. It is believed by those who fairly tested pine straw bagging last season that it will prove a formidable rival of jute bagging.
Ex-Mayor of Charleston Goes to Alabama.
 Wm. A. Courtenay, Ex Mayor of Charleston, and one of South Carolina's most distinguished citizens, has been elected president of the Bessemer Land Company, and will in future reside at Bessemer, Ala. Mr Courtenay is one of the trustees of the Peabody fund, and was Mayor of Charleston for eight years, including the memorable earthquake period, when he became known to the whole country. He is a valuable acquisition to the rapidly developing mineral districts of Alabama.

THE REIGN OF LIQUOR.

Which Has Opened Up in the Capital of Mississippi.
Take Sugar in Their Hands.
PAID \$2,000 LICENSE.
IT STILL CONTINUES.
The Industrial Development Throughout the South Still in Progress.
Four Were Killed.
Why a Boot Shines.
Pine Straw Versus Jute.

NORTH AND WEST.

NEWSY ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.
Being a Condensation of the Principal Happenings in Different States.
MAYOR GRANT, of New York, has appointed Fire Commissioner Richard Croker, the leader of Tammany Hall, to the office of City Chamberlain, recently resigned by William M. Ivins. Mr. Croker was promptly sworn into office. The salary is \$25,000 a year.
 The recent storm which raged in Baltimore with severity swept over the lower Chesapeake most disastrously to shipping. More than a dozen squares lost their lives and forty vessels were wrecked.
 The Louisville (Ky.) Bridge and Iron Company's Works, the largest establishment of its kind in the South, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$130,000. Two hundred men were thrown out of work.
 SCARLET fever of a malignant type has broken out at Fairbury, Ill.
 NEAR YARBOROUGH Station, Texas, Rev. Hall Miller shot and killed an intoxicated man of evil reputation named Purchard, who had disturbed his meeting.
 HAROLD M. SWEET, removed by Secretary Bayard from the office of Consul-General in Samoa, has been appointed by Secretary Blaine the disbursing agent to the Samoan Colonization at Berlin.
 ADAM C. TANNER, of Canton, Ohio, has been appointed Chief of the Appointment Division, Interior Department.
 THE President has made the following appointments: Frank Chimley, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont; George A. Knight, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, and James McDowell, to be Register of the Land Office at Huron, Dak.
 THE Persian Government has ceded the districts of Kelat and Kedi to Russia.
 OVER 15,000 persons were rendered homeless by the great fire at Surat, India. To add to the prevailing distress cholera has broken out in the town.
 The rumor that Stanley and Emin Pasha were marching in the direction of Zanzibar was an Arabian invention.
 A WINE store at Szil, Hungary, was entered by thieves. The proprietor surprised the robbers at their work and was seized and crushed to death in a wine press. They caught the blood in a cup and forced a passer-by to drink it.
 KING JOHN, of Abyssinia, before his death appointed as his successor his nephew, Dagao Mangasia.
 THE French Chamber of Deputies has passed the bill regulating the procedure of the trial of Boulanger by the Senate. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of General Boulanger, Dillon and Rochefort. Copies of them have been submitted to every police station in France.
 THE Indian pearl fisheries are a failure owing to the prevalence of cholera. The failure involves a loss to the government of about \$2,800,000.
MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.
 PATTI charges more every year.
 MARY ANDERSON is improving very rapidly.
 JULIA MARLOWE, the tragedienne, is well again.
 CLARA MORRIS has recovered from her recent illness.
 SALVINI, the Italian tragedian, was born in Milan, Italy.
 THE Opera House at Derby, N. H., was recently burned.
 COQUELIN, the French comedian, is a close student of history.
 A SISTER of Evangelist Sam Small is singing in English opera.
 IRVING's profit out of "Macbeth" in London is reckoned at \$2500 a week.
 "LITTLE LOHN FAUNTLEROY" is playing to crowded houses in San Francisco.
 VICTOR HENRI SARDOU, the French dramatist, contemplates a visit to this country.
 A CHINESE dramatic company will be one of the novelties in New York next season.
 LYDIA THOMPSON, the burlesque, is to make her permanent home in this country.
 EDWIN BOOTH has entirely recovered his health and resumed his tour with Mr. Barrett.
 SARAH JEWETT will probably join the Madison Square (New York) Theatre forces next season.
 ELIZA SWEET's income from her rents is \$75,000 a year, and her singing brings her \$50,000 more.
 PHILADELPHIA supports a permanent company of minstrels, and is the only city in the country that does.
 ANOTHER American singer, Miss Jennie Daniel, has made a success on the concert platform of Berlin.
 MRS. POTTER is now a dramatic teacher. She is teaching a young lady, a member of her company, how to act.
 MASSFIELD's production of "Richard III." in London cost \$30,000, the armor alone being accountable for \$10,000.
 ANTON RUBENSTEIN will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his first public performance on July 23d next.
 The peculiar malady which is prostrating so many actresses is called "it" by a Philadelphia doctor, who says that it is a dangerous and poisonous disease of the tissues.
 DR. JOACHIM, the famous violinist, the fiftieth anniversary of whose public career was generally observed in Germany last month, learned to play on a toy violin when he was five years old, and appeared before the public as a soloist for the first time three years later. He is still in the prime of life.

PORTSMOUTH ISLAND SUBMERGED.

During the recent gale Portsmouth, a narrow island near Crocker's Inlet, N. C., was submerged. drowing cattle, sheep and hogs. The water rose to many feet in the houses, and there was great destruction of property. The inhabitants took to the housetops, remaining there until the storm was over. Great suffering was experienced, but no lives were lost.