

THE TRIBUNE.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1904.

Special Notices.

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FOR SALE.—A good family horse 6 years old. Apply to J. R. Walker, Rutherfordton.

STRAYED, a fine boar pig, weight 40 or 50 pounds—black and white spots. Reward for return or information. C. M. LEWIS, Rutherfordton, N. C.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—Mr. Will Brittain has a very sick child.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmons, Monday, a boy.

—Dr. W. C. Bostic, of Forest City, was here Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Flack were in town shopping Monday.

—J. H. Quinn, editor of the Shelby Aurora, was in the city Friday.

—Mr. Ben F. Andrews, of Washburn, was among the visitors here Tuesday.

—Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Chapman, of Logan's store, were in town Tuesday.

—Born March 28th to Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis a Republican—so the father says.

—Mr. T. P. Covington, of Melvin Hill, went to Shelby Monday on business.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman at their home at Ayr, Sunday, a girl.

—Lucinda, wife of J. D. Ward, of Green Hill, was said to be dying Tuesday.

—Mrs. J. A. Walker and daughter, Mrs. V. A. Walker, were here shopping Tuesday.

—The wife of Cal Brown, colored, died at her home near Nanney, Tuesday morning.

—J. P. Hyder, of this place, has bought a saw mill which will arrive this week.

—Messrs. John C. Mills, J. H. Wood and Rev. C. B. Justice went to Columbus this week.

—Attorney Matt McBrayer moved into the Carrier house, on the opposite side of the street, Wednesday.

—Mrs. Wilkie Harrison, of Sunshine, is critically ill at her home. No hope is entertained for her recovery.

—John McFadden, a native of this county, now of Lincolnton, was here several days last week on business.

—Mr. W. A. Harrill has recently purchased \$500 worth of stock in the Oak Wood Manufacturing Company of this place.

—Mrs. L. L. Deck is dangerously ill at her home at Union Mills. It is not thought that there is any hope of her recovery.

—A small child of Mr. W. G. Tanner, of Sandy Springs, late of this place, has been very sick, but is now thought to be out of danger.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Waldrop, mother of Mr. O. T. Waldrop, of this place, has been confined to her room here several days from gripe.

—The following attorneys are attending Polk court this week: W. F. Rucker, J. F. Morrow, M. L. Edwards, Geo. C. Justice, S. Gallert.

—Mrs. Z. T. Whiteside returned to her home at Uree Sunday evening after a two week's visit to her daughter, Mrs. Bush Noland at Asheville.

—Mr. A. P. McAllister, editor of the Lumberton Robesonian, came up Monday to see THE TRIBUNE. He returned to his home on the evening train.

—A daughter of James Gee ran off with a man by the name of Neal here Monday, and went with him to South Carolina where they were married.

—Six out of eight of John Sane's family, near Twitty, are confined with measles. Other people are being kept away to prevent the spread of the disease.

—Drs. G. E. Young, of Forest City, and Sam Royster, of Mooresboro, were here Friday as witnesses in the case of J. M. Sisk vs. Southern Railway Company.

—Baxter Harris recently married to Miss Eula, daughter of Birchett Laughter of Bob, in the clutches of the law on a warrant sworn out by Miss Alice Brown.

—A. F. Morgan was in town Monday and did not forget THE TRIBUNE. Karl Joy returned with him and will paint and paper Morgan's new and attractive residence at Nanito.

—S. F. Harrill, formerly of this county, late of West, Texas, has returned to his former home, and will remain among the best people on earth. We gladly welcome Sam back.

—Will Bradley, of Midway, a suburb of Henrietta and Caroleen, has a genuine case of smallpox but has been quarantined and it is to be hoped that the disease will spread no further.

—The fine of \$5.00 imposed by Judge Shaw on James Ruff for whispering in court last week has been remitted. Ruff is no poorer but will not be caught napping the next time Judge Shaw comes round.

—Mr. Permitter Skipper died at his home near Poplar Grove Sunday morning. His age was about fifty years. He was a member of Rock Spring church where he was buried on Monday. He leaves a wife and several children.

—The organization of the Sunday school at Mountain Creek was completed last Sunday by the election of teachers as follows: Advanced class, A. L. Rucker; Intermediate, Fred Geer; Primary, Miss Ella Flack; Infant, Mrs. Fed Geer.

FULL LIST OF PENALTIES IMPOSED.

Judge Shaw Prompt and Impartial—Jurors in Burglary Case.

The Superior court adjourned at noon Saturday after a continuous session of two weeks having convened on the 14th instant. The entire term of the court, with the exception of one day was given to the criminal docket.

Judge Shaw was here on time the first day to open court, a thing that cannot be said of some of the judges who have preceded him. He has been prompt and courteous in his decisions and rulings and has the respect and confidence of the people generally. On Friday morning when the jury in the burglary case was rendered the judge was perceptibly nervous if not indignant.

When the jury had been discharged he told the defendants, Gar Burgin, Ed Sheban and Gus Moore, to stand up, addressing them substantially as follows: "A jury of twelve men has just said that you are not guilty. The court does not agree with this verdict. Your own evidence on the witness stand convicted you. The only doubt that has arisen comes from the failure of Ellen Frady to tell this matter earlier than she did. Had the jury convicted you the court had agreed to punish you in the State penitentiary for life. Unless you reform it is only a question of time when you will be hanged. You are discharged."

J. F. Spainhour, the State's attorney, was at his best, scored many legal points and made several strong speeches. While he regretted the verdict just referred to he said, "When a thing is decided I put it behind me. I regret this verdict because of the influence it will have on the county. It will probably encourage lawlessness. It is a bad day for any people when they conclude that the law fails to punish criminals."

The jurors in the burglary case were: J. L. Walker, W. M. Nanney, E. Harwick, Gus Ramsay, Charles Cochran, G. W. Goode, C. A. Miller, G. W. Geer, H. A. Holland, A. P. Gross, T. N. Noland and D. T. McArthur.

The solicitor left for his home in Morganton Friday evening.

The following were the penalties imposed by Judge Shaw at last term of court: Sent to the county home two years, Dick Byers; to work on roads in Gaston county, Clyde Martin, 12 months; Tom Miller, Crowder Scoggin and Cordis Long, 3 months; Vergie Fletcher, Charley Blackwell and Charley Micheal, 2 months; Joe Carrier, 1 month; Sallie Crofts and Isabella Melton confined in county jail 3 months; Fines and costs, fines only being given: Furman Phillips, \$5.00; C. D. Byers, \$10.00; C. W. Dimsdale, \$16.00.

Called and failed judgement nisi and fine of \$80.00 in each case.—George Parker, Eliza Hunt and John Dean.

March Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. P. Jones for the month of March as follows:

James W. Arrowood to Miss Bettie Ann Curry, Martin E. Bridges to Miss A. M. Ledford, Esley Butler to Miss Minnie Street, Elisha Henson to Mrs. Louisa Sutton, E. M. Jones to Miss Hettie Waters, W. T. Kennedy to Miss Minnie Frazier, J. D. Morrow to Miss Clemmie Wilkie, T. C. McDaniel to Miss Biddie Rogers, Grover C. Spurlin to Miss Mattie Padgett, W. G. Wilkie to Miss Laura L. Younce.

Colored—Charles Harris to Adeline Hill, Julius Logan to Annie Wilkins, Otto Simmons to Emma Doggett.

Sheriff Martin Talks Taxes.

Sheriff E. A. Martin deals in some language in this issue to delinquent tax-payers that deserves very thoughtful consideration. We hope no man in all this county will forfeit his right to vote in the coming election by carelessness or forgetfulness. Taxes are the subject, and may first limit to pay, if you expect to vote. If your taxes have not been paid, it would be a good idea to cut out the sheriff's advertisement and paste it in your hat, lest you forget.

The Wide-a-Wake Minstrels.

The Wide-a-Wake Minstrels of this place will give their initial entertainment at the court house on the evening of Thursday, April 14th. The company has some of the best musical talent in the town and surrounding country and promises to measure up to the best troupes of this sort in the larger cities. The program will be announced next week. There is a treat in store for the music loving people that they cannot afford to miss.

Mr. Horace Geer Dead.

—Mr. Horace Geer, son of R. P. Geer of Darlington, is nearing the shores of the Border Land. Blindness for more than a year has intensified his suffering. He is a most excellent young man whose early demise seems assured, and whose loss to the community will be greatly deplored.

Later: Mr. Geer died at 9 o'clock last night and will be buried at Mountain Creek tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Before the Mayor To-Day.

The colored boys who engaged in an all round fight here Tuesday evening, as elsewhere given in this paper, were brought before the mayor this morning and in addition to costs paid the following fines: Joseph Carrier, \$10; Arthur Carrier, \$10; John Carrier, \$1, and Milas Miller, \$1.

Dr. Wakefield Coming.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Rutherfordton, at the Isothermal Hotel, on Wednesday, April 20th, for one day only. His practice is limited to eye, ear, nose and throat, and fitting glasses.

—Mrs. Joe Wortman, of the Mack neighborhood, is very sick.

KING'S MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY.

Will Convene With the Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church April 8th.

King's Mountain Presbytery convenes in Rutherfordton Friday, April 8th at 8 o'clock p. m. Sessions will continue into the following week.

Saturday night a popular meeting in behalf of Home Missions; Home Mission report by Chairman W. R. Minter. A number of the members of Presbytery will discuss the work of the Presbyterian church within the bounds of the Presbytery.

A program has been arranged and will be carried out as far as possible. Appointments as follows will be filled by the visiting ministers:

Sunday morning: Rutherfordton Presbyterian church, Rev. W. R. Minter; Baptist church, Rev. J. B. Cochran; Methodist church, Rev. M. McG. Shields; Forest City, Presbyterian church, Rev. W. A. Murray; Brittian, Rev. J. M. Forbis; Twitty's Chapel, Rev. T. C. Crocker.

Sunday afternoon Presbyterial communion will be observed in the Presbyterian church—Revs. R. A. Miller, R. Z. Johnson and J. J. Kennedy. (All invited.)

Sunday night: Rutherfordton Presbyterian church, Rev. G. A. Sparrow; Methodist church, Rev. R. Z. Johnson; Baptist church, Rev. C. Miller.

Presbytery will be invited to inspect Westminster School on Monday, returning to Rutherfordton in time for a business session Monday night.

The public is invited to attend the sessions of the Presbytery.

CHURCH NOTES.

Appointments for the Different Denominations in Town and County.

Regular services at Round Hill next Sunday by Elder C. B. Justice, the pastor.

Preaching at Presbyterian church here next Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. S. L. Cathey.

Rev. John C. Seagle, of Lincolnton, will preach at St. Joseph, Green River, on Sunday morning, and at St. Francis at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

Quarterly meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its next meeting at Gilboa, embracing Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder West will be there and will preach both days. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Arnold, hopes that every one who can will attend the services.

Revs. H. D. Harrill and J. M. Walker will change appointments on the second Saturday and Sunday in April: the former going to Pleasant Hill and the latter to Mt. Olivet.

Rev. White filled his appointment at Mountain Creek Sunday and it is said preached an excellent sermon.

Rev. J. M. Walker, of this place has been called to the pastorate of Mountain Home and Mt. Moriah churches, both in Henderson county, and it is thought that he will accept. He will preach at Camp Creek next Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. B. Carpenter will preach an Easter sermon at Hopewell Methodist church next Sunday.

Mr. D. M. Smith Has Another Fall.

Tuesday about four o'clock Mr. D. M. Smith stepped out of the back door of the shoe store intending to go home. Hearing a voice in the store and thinking his son Tom had come in, Mr. Smith turned and walked back. Closing the door behind him he started toward the stove when his right leg gave way and he threw out his hand trying to reach a box for support, but missing this his body sunk suddenly to the floor. It was at first thought his right leg was broken below the knee, but Dr. Twitty was immediately sent for and found no bones broken but that the ligaments of the joint had been lacerated and sprained. Mr. Smith was carried to his home on Washington street and is still suffering acute pain. One year ago February 14th he sustained a similar fall at his home resulting in the breaking of the same leg above the knee joint.

The Fruit Crop Safe So Far.

The fruit crop is thought to be still safe. This is important for we need it, and doubly so since it is reported that the entire peach crop of New Jersey and other northern States has been killed by a severe frost. Fruit will again be scarce this year, and will bring fancy prices. Let us hope that there will be no further damaging frosts to destroy the present fine prospects of the abundant supply of peaches, pears and apples.

Mistrial of the Sisk Damage Suit.

The suit of J. M. Sisk vs. Southern Railway was called at 2 p. m. Friday G. G. Eaves, of Marion, and S. Gallert represented the plaintiff and George F. Bason, of Gastonia, the defendant company. Sisk was put on the stand. Failing to make the case a motion by Mr. Bason for a mistrial was sustained and the case went out of court. This was the first case called on the civil docket.

Critically Ill.

Della, daughter of Esquire W. D. Harris, is critically ill of consumption at her home at Bob. It has only been a few weeks since Mr. Harris buried his son. Surely that family is drinking the cup of sorrow to its very dregs. It is so hard sometimes to say "Thy will be done" but this is the only way we can find solace in such an hour. God knows best.

Mrs. Mary Toms Dead.

Mrs. Mary Toms, widow of John Toms, deceased, died at the home of her son-in-law, W. M. Dalton, at Gilkey Tuesday morning and was buried at Mt. Creek church Wednesday, Rev. J. D. Arnold conducting the services. She was over seventy years of age and was a good woman.

—Mrs. Henry F. Taylor and two children arrived here yesterday from Monroeville. They are temporarily occupying rooms at the home of Mr. Taylor's mother, near the Seaboard station. Later they will fix their home and permanently reside here.

HENRIETTA HAPPENINGS.

Beautiful Display of Millinery Goods—Democrats Want the Primary.

Correspondent of THE TRIBUNE. HENRIETTA, March 30.—As political township, county and State committee meetings are beginning to be held over the country and candidates for various offices are springing up in the land, political gossip begins to brighten and the methods of selecting the best men to be placed upon the ticket are being freely discussed. A very great majority of the representative Democrats of Henrietta and surrounding community are uncompromisingly in favor of the primary method of selecting the proper men to be placed upon their ticket for the coming campaign. They claim that it is the only way of securing justice and protection against wire pulling candidates and corruptly packed conventions.

The opening of the millinery department of the Henrietta store No. 1, which took place last night, was a very interesting and attractive affair. These departments were very tastefully decorated with potted plants and other appropriate attractions—which time and space forbid mentioning—were neatly arranged. There was a beautiful display of spring and summer dress goods and Easter hats. The baskets made of some of the latest and daintiest types of hats swung by ribbons and filled with delicate flowers and trimmings, was suggestive of spring time. The weather though cool was pleasant, the night bright and beautiful and a large crowd from Caroleen, Henrietta, Cliffside, Forest City and Rutherfordton was present and the large department store was thronged with a bevy of the fair sex, talking hats in spring styles until it was enough to make one's head swim.

Mrs. B. E. Summey and daughter, Kate, returned Tuesday from a two week's visit to friends and relatives in Cleveland County.

Mr. R. R. Simmons, a former clerk in the clothing department of the Henrietta No. 1, now of the firm of Simmons-Anderson Company, gets furnishing goods, of Rutherfordton, was in the city Sunday.

Rebecca Mooney, a young girl about sixteen years of age, died of pneumonia at this place Saturday morning.

Mr. John Daniel, one of the clever clerks in the grocery department at No. 1, visited his mother at Tanner's Grove Saturday, returning Sunday.

Messrs. Robert Simmons and McGivery Miller, Misses Mamie and Kathleen Harris, of Rutherfordton, were among the visitors at the opening last evening.

Rev. J. B. Carpenter, of Rutherfordton, spent Saturday night with the family of Mr. J. C. Carpenter.

Mr. C. J. Carpenter returned Saturday from a two week's visit to Rutherfordton, very much improved.

The Sick People.

Mr. C. P. Tanner, deputy clerk of the Superior court, has been confined to his bed with an attack of la grippe since Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Wilkins is still very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Williams are both on the sick list. Mrs. Williams is better, but Sid is not doing so well. Charley Ford has the grippie.

Mrs. O. J. Prickett is suffering from pleurisy.

Charley McFarland was dangerously sick Friday—better now.

Mr. J. E. Flack is better.

Mr. Phillip Gross has a child very sick of pneumonia.

Mr. Sid Clemmer's sick child is improving.

Mayor T. C. Smith has been confined to his room three or four days from an attack of grippie.

Mrs. John C. Walker, whose illness we mentioned last week, does not seem to improve we are sorry to learn.

On a Visit to His Old Home.

A. G. Freeman, son of Mack Freeman of Logan's Store, arrived from Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday. Mr. Freeman has been in Texas four or five years and it is said is doing well. He brings back a wife on her first visit to Mr. Freeman's old home. Mr. Freeman is connected with the wholesale grocery houses thirty-three in number—of McCord & Sons, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Mo.

List of Appointments.

The following is a list of appointments for Rev. W. H. Perry, circuit pastor of Green River circuit:

Clark School House, Monday, 11 a. m., April 4th; Eureka, near Uree, Monday, 3 p. m., April 4th; Sam Williams' old store house, Tuesday, 3 p. m., April 5th; Buffalo, Wednesday, 11 a. m., April 6th.

Painful but Not Serious.

On Tuesday afternoon while Mr. E. W. Hyder was loading a car with lumber at the Southern depot he made a misstep and fell over the embankment to the railroad bed below, sustaining painful but not serious injuries. His face resembles somewhat a map of the Philippine Islands. He finished loading the car next morning.

A Huge Hawk.

Master John Madison, son of T. M. Lynch, of Ayr, caught a hawk in a steel trap last Friday that measured four feet one inch and a half from tip to tip of wings. This huge fellow had been feasting on fat hens for some time, but has now gone into the hands of a receiver who will close up his business.

A Saw Mill Blown Up.

The saw mill engine of Jeff Gettys was blown up near Cherry Mountain Tuesday morning. It has been rumored that dynamite had been placed in one of the flues, but this lacks confirmation. Plato Gettys was greatly shocked but not seriously injured.

—James Treadway, of Caroleen, was married to a Miss Holcombe at Gastonia on the 24th.

A MYSTERY IN McDOWELL COUNTY.

Northern Prospector is Missing Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Special to The Charlotte Observer. MARION, March 29.—A very sensational story is current talk here. It is that a man from the North came to McDowell county about a year ago to prospect for gold. He purchased a horse and buggy to convey him about the country in his search for the precious metal. He procured board and made his headquarters at Miss Polly Largent's, an old eccentric, miserly creature who lived in Jeemstown, the gold mining section of the county. The man was seen one night about 9 o'clock returning to her house intoxicated. That night he mysteriously disappeared and has not been seen or heard of since. He had a large sum of money—\$1,000 or more. Some little boys passed by a hole of water near the house the next day and said they saw the man's feet sticking out of the water. At the time little attention was paid to the statement. However the boys persisted so earnestly in asserting that what they saw was a man's feet that on the second day several people went to the pond to see and found that it had been filled with brush and dirt. Suspicion was aroused as to the cause of the mysterious disappearance of the man and there was much talk in the neighborhood about it, but no investigation. Now a brother of the missing man has come to look into the matter and finds the horse and buggy, a hat and two suits of clothes that belonged to his brother at the old woman's house.

The probability is that there will be a sensational murder trial in Marion, though, as yet, no criminal action has been instituted.

JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Teachers' Association—Millinery Opening—Protracted Meeting.

Correspondence of THE TRIBUNE. FOREST CITY, March 29.—The Teachers' Association met here Saturday. The attendance was very good and the talks and readings given were deserving of praise. The meeting was greatly enjoyed and it is the wish of the people that it may meet with us again in the near future.

Miss Ida Kanipe, who has been teaching for a few months in Cleveland county, is at home for her summer vacation.

Miss Alice Hart, the milliner for the Florence Mills store has arrived and will have her opening Friday night. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Shuford has moved from Cherry Mountain Street into the house vacated by Mr. W. H. Hart, on Powell Street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carson, a boy.

Mr. Charlie Moore, who has been suffering from a severe stroke of paralysis for the past week, we are glad to state is now much better.

The meeting at the Methodist church will continue through this week. Much interest is manifested and it is hoped that much good will result.

A Juvenile Missionary Society was organized last Sunday. Miss Minnie Smith was elected president for the boys division and Miss Johnnie Logan Eaves, president for the little girls.

Accidentally Wounded.

Tom Scroggs was out gunning Thursday and in discharging his piece—a shot gun—the barrel bursted producing a painful flesh wound in his arm. Dr. Lovelace was sent for and extracted a piece of tin two or three inches long from the lacerated flesh, which had been driven into his arm by the explosion. No bones were broken and there is no apparent reason why the wound will not rapidly heal.

Death of Mrs. Toney.

Mrs. Mary Toney, wife of William Toney, died at her home at Sunshine on Sunday and was buried at Mount Harmony on Monday following, March 21st, of which church she had been a consistent and worthy member for thirty or forty years. Her age was about sixty years. Besides a husband she leaves three children all of whom are married.

Claims to Have Perfected Scheme of Perpetual Motion.

Correspondent of THE TRIBUNE. OTTER CREEK, March 28.—Mr. W. P. Ledbetter now claims for a certainty that he has solved perpetual motion and Brown has his permission to say to the readers of THE TRIBUNE that he is ready to enter into an agreement with any capitalists or parties wishing to test the same. So sure is Mr. Ledbetter of his discovery that he is willing to specify in such agreement or sale that if the scheme doesn't work there's to be no pay.

Mr. Ed Harris closed a singing school at Jethro's chapel last Saturday and we feel this call will help out in the Sunday school just organized at the Cove church very much as nothing seems to give real life to such work than does good vocal music.

Mr. John Sorrels made a business trip to the Cove last week.

The rainy weather seems to be putting our roads in bad shape and farmers are wishing for fair weather.

Dr. Allen seems to be keeping our citizens in fairly good health, only a few cases of grippie raging now.

LARGE CROWD ATTEND COURT.

The Cases Disposed of—Visiting Attorneys—Personals and Locals.

Correspondent of THE TRIBUNE. COLUMBUS, March 28.—The Spring of Superior court convened here Monday morning with his honor, Judge Shaw presiding. The judges charge to the grand jury was able and forcible. The visiting attorneys are McBrayer, Justice, Rucker, Edwards, Morrow and Gallert, of Rutherfordton; Anderson, Blye, Smith and Ewart, of Hendersonville. Cases tried and disposed of are, State vs. G. R. Champion and Will Mathis, Mathis found guilty of simple assault; Grayson Newman, assault upon J. S. Thompson, case not finished. Men who have lived here and in the county for years say that there was the largest crowd in town Monday that there has been here at court in twenty years.

Mr. L. Callahan and Miss Annie Hodge, of Rutherfordton, were in town Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jessie Sinton entered the teachers' normal Monday.

Dr. Edwards, of Mills Spring, and Dr. Shankle, of Saluda, were here Monday.

Mr. Chesterfield Bradley, of Rutherfordton, is spending a few days with friends and relatives at this place.

DEATH OF YOUNG HUNTLEY.

Small Pox Patients all Well Again—Sunday School Reorganized.

Correspondent of THE TRIBUNE. SHILOH, March 28.—Mr. James Huntley, about 15 years of age, son of Joseph Huntley, died last Tuesday and was buried at Shiloh on Wednesday.

The farmers of this section have done very little for the past week on account of the wet weather.

Some are plowing to-day, but I think the ground is too wet. Does it hurt land to plow it when too wet?

Not many days ago a young man harnessed his horse to the buggy, took his sister with him and started off, on a sparking expedition, I guess. They went to a certain man's house, stayed awhile and then started back home, but stopped at other places along the way. By the time they got home, it was nearly dark, being in a hurry to unhitch, the boy failed to undo all the harness, the horse ran out, or started out, tripped itself up, broke one shaft, striking a wash pot with its head and broke it. This really seems to be bad luck for the boy. We hope the next time he starts he will be more patient.

The people met at Shiloh yesterday and organized a Sabbath School. We would be very glad if all that live in reach would attend and make it a prosperous school.

All the small pox cases are about well now. They are beginning to stir again. No others have taken it and we will certainly feel proud if all the rest can escape.

Felix Harris and wife were visiting here yesterday.

IN DEFENSE OF THE MERCHANT.

Thinks That Class of People Know the Sincere Christian.

Correspondence of THE TRIBUNE. MILLS SPRING, March 24.—Under the head, "Some Plain Preaching," in THE TRIBUNE of March 17th, there are some statements which might force the reader to conclude that the ministers at Mills Spring were having a rough time with the merchants there. Are they the only Sabbath breakers? Did not the pastor in the same persuasive voice admonish us all to live better and nobler lives? Now I am not a merchant nor the son of one, but I have stood behind the counter and been told who it would do to credit and I have found that it is not always the one who sings loudest and prays the ablest prayer that pays his grocery bill first.