LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

R. W. KNIGHT, LOCAL EDITOR. New Advertisements.

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HARRINGTON-The Virginia BERRYHILL & JOHNSTON—Charlotte Marble Works.

and a word of caution in regard to fires is not amiss.

There was a heavy fall of snow here last Sunday, but it melted almost as fast as it fell.

of the County Commissioners this next issue.

the late W. J. McRae, Esq., stands, 120x460 feet, sold here at public sale on Monday last for \$2,106. Mr. C. M. Covington purchaser.

Mr. Thomas Finger was recently married to Miss Florence Lemmond -Lincolnton Press. With another Finger on his hands Thomas needs no machine to squeeze his Lemmond.

The great pressure on our advertising columns, which, as every sensible man knows, is the very life of a newspaper, curtails our usual variety of reading matter. We must, therefore, ask our readers to bear with us in patience.

We are requested by Mr. N. A. McNair, Chairman, to state that the Board of Supervisors for Laurel Hill from February to the 3rd day of April, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The road overseers in the township are required to be present and make a sworn statement of the condition of their respective roads.

Last Sunday's "Observer" contains an account of a horrible su cide, committed on the day before in that city. The victim's name was Willie Gifford-aged 26. He was employed as a clerk in the store of the Messrs. Nesbitt on Trade street. He was observed by his employer to be very cheerful, and active in his attention to customers, when suddenly he was missing from the store. Nothing was thought of this until his continued absence suggested inquiry and directly the report of a pistol was heard in the rear of the store building-and soon thereafter the odor of burnt powder was de tected. Examination resulted in finding the unfortunate young man lying in a pool of blood on the floor of an out house-dead, the fatal weapon-which was a 44 calibre pistol-still clutched by the fingers of the left hand. The great mystery about it is the apparent absence of any cause for the rash act. The opinion commonly accepted is, that deceased was insane, his brain having been disordered from a skull fracture sustained by a fall some months

An Elopement.

The neighborhood three miles north of Rockingham has been somewhat astir lately over the disappearance of Nathaniel Thomas Covington, Esq., one of its well known citizens and proprietor of a family of a wife and seven children.-Nat, as his neighbors call him, left date this particular event. home some two weeks ago with the ostensible purpose of going to Moore county, where he was to engage temporarily in business with a Mr. McNair. His family not hearing from him, a messenger went last of a letter, postmarked Charlotte, on the C. C. R. R. Whether the devoted twain have located at, or in prox- instincts of a true Southern woman, were failing to meet their bills, and

neighbors.

A Correction.

At a venture we stated last week

in war, first in peace, and first in the production of Richard Henry Lee, and that this Lee was the father of Uncle Bob. At the time of making The month of high winds is here, the statement we confess to having felt some degree of apprehensiveness lest we might be inaccurate, and, strange to say, the eagle-eyed Star failed to observe the mistake. We have looked into history since and find the following facts: George We could not get the proceedings | Washington died on December 14th, 1799. Congress was officially notiweek. Will publish them in our fied of the sad event on Dec. 19th, on which day resolutions of sorrow, framed by Maj. Gen. Henry Lee and The lot on which the residence of read by John Marshall, were adopted. The expression first occurred in these resolutions. Five days afterwards, on the 24th, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, being directed by resolution to name the funeral orator, indicated Gen. Henry Lee as the person chosen for that interesting and solemn duty; and on the day after Christmas the oration was pronounced in which he gracefully incorporated the same eloquent phrase. And this Lee-known in the war as Light-Horse Harry, afterwards a representative in Congress-was the father of Uncle Bob. our own great Lee. So much for the vindication of the truth of history.

Too Good a Thing to Be Lost.

Among other institutions we have lawyers in our town, in fact more hard times and the consequent disparity between the two classes, our and practically without clients. sometimes for an indefinite period. In such a crisis it is no disparagement of the dignity of their profession that they should occasionally turn their attention to other channels of business-whether for livelihood or recreation it matters not. A member of our bar sometime ago conceived a fancy for cultivating cattle and soon it grew into a passionate fondness, so much so that he is known to have led a choice Jersey heifer one day into his parlor for his wife to look at and admire. Again-and this is the 'too good a thing to be lost"-he sought to curry favor with an old pet cow, of a different breed, by putting a bridle and saddle on her and, to amuse the children also, riding her around the lot. The juniors, whose Pa had been in the cavalry and to whose exploits in riding they had often listened, looked on with unbridled mirth while the Senior bridled the apparently docile "creetur." "Prepare to mount-mount!" cavalryman was in position-not sooner, however, than the dear old pet's animal intuition had suggested the command next in order-and she "charged." Around that lot,and about that lot-and through that lot, you bet, did old Pet charge-and never did instinct of "retreat" or "halt" suggest itself until the "burden of proof" was lifted. The equestrian feats of our legal friend, when related to the children, always since have had reference to scenes and circumstances that ante-

Death of a Venerable. Woman.

The Wilmington Review of the 27th, says :-Miss Maggie McLeod died at the "Old Ladies Rest," on Seventh street, Friday to Moore county to ascertain | between Chestnut and Mulberry, at his whereabouts and welfare but about 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon level, and we believe our farmers found he was not, and had not been, at the great age of about 90 years. in that section. Meantime rumor | Miss McLeod was a native of Richwas afloat that Nat had been known | mond county, but early in life came for some time past to be a constant to Wilmington where she engaged visitor at the house of widow Sallie in teaching, a vocation she pursued Bristow who was living near the until the beginning of the war. She create a revolution in cotton culture Pee Dee Mill. The widow, accom- was devoted to her profession and by greatly reducing the cost of propanied by her four-year-old boy, was successful as a teacher, a fact duction. He has applied for a patent boarded the Charlotte bound train sustained by the great number of at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning of years she was engaged in its many last week with the purpose of going onerous and responsible duties. She -nobody knew where. It has de- had been for many years a devoted, space for a description of the invenveloped since that, preliminary to consistent and conscientious memher departure, she was the recipient ber of Front Street M. E. Church and was at the time of her death the oldand signed Thomas Covington, be- est in membership of that body. She ginning with the very sweet and was an aunt of Senator Hawley of be brisk, but the complaint among endearing words, "My Dear Wife," Connecticut, and when he as a Genappointing to meet her at Monroe eral in the Federal army entered Wilmington in 1865, she, with the complained that their customers

it, or about Charlotte-another ver- scolding for what she thought was very bright. sion of the story—our Reporter can't his apostasy. When the Federal Mr. Davis had some very rare and Underwood, of the Lincoln Press. valuable books which she, tearing that they might be appropriated by the unwelcome intruders, conthat the famous quotation charac- veyed to her room and hid in terizing George Washington as "first her bedding, by which means they were preserved. She has finished hearts of his countrymen," was the her work and is now at rest among the sanctified of God.

Charlotte.

Amidst the blow and bluster of cal column: last Thursday night, this scribe left a comfortable bed and boarded the train for Charlotte. With three or companions, the trip was without a soul-harrowing variety of snoring, with an occasional prolonged snort, which emanated from the aforesaid drowsy drummers, while we wooed the sleepy god in vain.

Arriving at Charlotte, we found it astir with its characteristic bustle and enterprise. After eating a good breakfast we sallied forth to "see what we should see." Almost the first acquaintance whom we met was our old friend Jas. A. Johnston, Esq., of the Charlotte Marble Works. A visit to his marble yards, and an inspection of some of his work, convinced us that to send further than Charlotte for any kind of gravestone or monument is perfect folly. We saw, in the yard of Berryhill & Johnston, some monuments which, for beauty of design and excellence of finish, cannot be excelled North or South. They ship work all over North Carolina, with a pretty fair trade in adjoining States.

In the establishment of Mr. T. L. Seigle we found Mr. Martin McRae, township continued their meeting lawyers than litigants; and owing to well and favorably known in this section, who has now been with Mr. Seigle some five or six years. There, lawyers are obliged to be "briefless" as here, Martin is popular because of his uniform courtesy, his strict attention to business, and his undoubted integrity. To serve his friends is a pleasure, and he gives prompt personal attention to all orders received from them.

Mr. Joseph Baruch, with whom we had a pleasant acquaintance, is the manager of the immense retail and mail order department of Messrs. Wittkowsky & Baruch's establishment, the largest dry goods house in the South. The small army of expert clerks are kept busy waiting on the scores of customers who throng the house from morning till night. Their Spring goods are now arriving and they will soon be ready for their grand Spring opening.

If we may judge by the immense stock of furniture he has on hand, Mr. Burgess Nichols is undismayed by the cry of "hard times," which we hear on every hand. He has a stock of furniture from which any one may be suited, however small or great their means-cheap chairs, bureaus, washstands, bedding, &c.; fine dressand, at a bound, the quondam bold ing cases, wardrobes, parlor and chamber suits, carpeting, window shades-everything in the furniture line, as cheap as it can be bought anywhere.

We had a very pleasant conversation with Capt. James F. Johnston, the energetic and clever machinery dealer on College street. In speaking of the stringency of the times, he said that the greatest cause of hard times was the use of commercial fertilizers; that he had clearly proven it to his own satisfaction by practical tests, and that times would never improve much until the farmers learned to compost their own manures, supplying vegetable matter to the land, which enriches it from year to year, instead of acid fertilizers which eat up the soil and exhaust the land in a few years. On this subject we think his head is would profit by an experiment of the same sort. Capt. Johnston also showed us a diagram of a cotton cultivator, the invention of a Mecklenburg man, which, to our mind, will on the invention, and will at once proceed with the manufacture and sale of the cultivators. We have not tion, but would advise some of our

Business in Charlotte seemed to the merchants was that there was no money. Even the wholesale men imity to, Monroc-as one report has gave her Brigadier nephew a severe that the outlook, at best, was not Wood or Metallic COFFINS

large farmers to write to Capt. John-

ston for further information.

testify. But that Nat has deserted forces entered the city she took a in Charlotte, and on the return trip itude to the people of Rockingham his wife and seven children and room in the residence of Hon Geo. met congenial company in the per- for their kindness to me and family, eloped with the woman in question, Davis, while the rest of the house sons of Mr. R. K. Bryan, editor of expressed in what is usually termed

Another Batch of Locals.

Last week we gave a few items taken from the local columns of one of our State papers, and we feel sure that a few more this week will not fail to interest some of our readers. The following are taken literally, as they appear in the aforesaid paper, and are a fair sample of the lo-

Compest your land and buy less guano. Yes, by all means; we think if our farmers would make a compost heap four drowsy drummers as traveling of a few acres of land they would get along much better. Nothing easier. an incident of interest, if we except Build a good strong pen and haul in leaves and pine straw, adding a laver of one acre of land occasionally, until your land is all "compested." then you won't need the guano.

"Fried chickens" are dear; and the pros-

pects are, will be dearer. We, too, always had a weakness for fried chicken, and even now we ove to fondle and caress the dear creatures, which, to us, grow dearer and dearer as we-not the chicken grow older.

Love is a great thing it caused a fish to be caught Saturday.

Just how love could cause a fish to be caught is too much for us to "catch on" to, unless some fellow "hooked" a cod fish for his hungry "ducky dear."

Which has the more influence over man woman or money" is very debatable question. There is certainly two sides to it.

The question is easily settled .-One red-headed woman, with a stout rolling-pin, can exert more influence and strong language over a man in ten minutes than all the wealth of HIDESthe Vanderbilts can in ten years. It is a hard matter to break an old shoe

it takes good "reasoning" powers but after broken once cannot be broken again The point is well taken and admirably sustained. After "reasoning" the matter over with the old shoe

in a calm and dispassionate manner, the breaking process must be pursued with patience and fortitude.-Once broken, it is generally docile and easily managed. We would like to know how Mr. John

Lawrence Whitehead's "democratic horse" is getting on., havn't heard from him in a

How inconsiderate of the "democratic horse"not to write to his friend and let him know how he is "getting on"-whether or not he has taken to crutches in his old age. Or possibly, under promise of office, the horse has changed his politics and is ashamed to face his old friends. The girl with pretty bangs and eyes to correspond is said to have made a mash-

We are of the opinion that the girl has made a mash, and that our esteemed contemporary is the subject mashed-mashed flatter than a Chinese kite. Sad, indeed, is his lot. We would advise him to retire from the editorial chair and go and soak his head in cold water and live on a diet of cod fish and garlic until his brain is restored to its normal condition.

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It is said that A. P. Southwick has attempted to have published a letter written by himself in which he openly ridicules some of our people here and also this paper. We received a letter from this individu d several days ago which warrants the conclusion that he is a thorough rascal. We have been advised to

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publish the letter, but have not vet

concluded to do so .- Rocky Mount

EDITOR ROCKET :- Please allow me Altogether, we had a pleasant day in your columns to express my grating our hearts were made glad by the reception of sugar, coffee, flour, bacon, butter &c., &c. This was a very substantial expression of the people's good feelings toward us, as it filled up an empty larder. But we appreciate it more for the spirit that prompted it. It shall be our pleasure to labor, with God's help, to make ourselves and work worthy of

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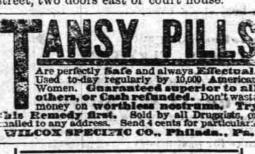
Having been this day duly appointed Administrator of the estate of the late Octavius D. McRae, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of my intestate to present the same to me for payment on or by the 4th day of March, 1887. Those indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment. H. C. WALL,

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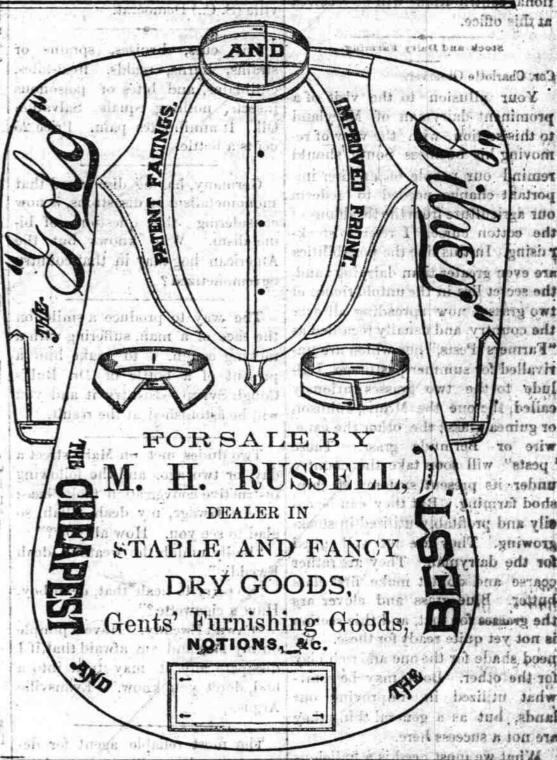
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