

Rockingham Rocket.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

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Church Directory.

METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. J. H. PAGE, Pastor.—Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M., and on the 2nd and 4th Sabbaths services will also be held at 7:30 P. M. On 1st Sabbath at 3:30 the pastor will preach at Pee Dee, and on 3rd Sabbath afternoon at Robedel. Sabbath-school at 3:30 P. M. BAPTIST CHURCH—REV. NEEDHAM B. COBB, Pastor.—Services 1st and 3rd Sabbath in every month at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath-school every Sabbath at 9 A. M. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—REV. A. R. SHAW, Pastor.—Services second and fourth Sabbath in each month, morning and night. Sabbath-school every Sabbath at 9 A. M.

THE MAILS.

Mails going West on C. C. Railroad close at 12:15 P. M.; mails going East close at 3:00 P. M. P. W. STANSILL, Postmaster.

Now look out for a visit from "old Jack."

Sheriff Smith says the people are paying their taxes with unusual promptness.

A coat of paint somewhat improves the appearance of the front of Mr. J. G. Smith's bar-room.

That lake of water which inundates the street near the Pee Dee House should be drawn off or a bridge built over it. Some folks can't swim.

The rain came in good time to lay the dust and insure a large crowd at the State Fair. Quite a number went from here who would not have done so but for the rain.

Capt. V. Q. Johnson, formerly superintendent of the Carolina Central Railroad, died at Lincolnton, N. C., on Saturday last. He died suddenly, of some affection of the heart. He was 57 years of age.

Rev. F. L. Townsend, P. C., requests us to say that "the Stewards of Rockingham Circuit will meet at Rockingham, in Watson's Hall, on November the 14th, at 2 o'clock P. M. The Presiding Elder will be present to preside over the meeting. A full attendance of the Stewards is earnestly desired."

Mr. W. D. McRae is making an improvement in the interior of his store which will add much to the convenience and appearance of it. From the foot of the stair-case back the floor has been taken up and elevated some 5 feet, making a platform for the business office from which a full view of the store is commanded. By the removal of the floor beneath a sort of cellar is made in which the heavy groceries will be kept, and thus more room made for the display of his large and handsome line of dry goods. A broad flight of steps lead up to the business office.

Mr. John W. Cole is now receiving the stock of goods which THE ROCKET last week announced that he had gone North to buy. Mr. Cole has had considerable experience in the mercantile business and is acquainted with the needs of the people of this section. He selected his stock with great care, bought for cash down, and can offer bargains seldom given in this market. He bought a very large and handsome stock of boys' clothing, to which he invites special attention. Dr. T. S. Cole will be in charge of the drug department, and hopes to supply the wants of all his former patrons. See advertisement.

We have a communication from a citizen not a member of "the club," who writes heartily favoring the strict enforcement of the law intended to put down illicit traffic in seed cotton, and showing how insufficient had become the traffic in Steele's township of this county. He had not then seen the scathing emanation from "the club" in last week's ROCKET which was so complete a justification and defence of the farmers of that section, and of their action in the premises, as to make the publication of the second communication unnecessary. The farmers have willed that all illicit traffic in seed cotton shall stop.

TYPHOID FEVER.—Go to Dr. W. M. Fowlkes & Co's Drug Store and buy a bottle of Iron Tonic Bitters to tone up your system so that you will not be susceptible to this terrible malady. Nothing like having one's blood in good condition.

J. I. Green, the young man who was tried in Charlotte last week for burglarizing Mr. W. J. Yates' residence, was acquitted. When the jury returned the verdict of "not guilty" the large audience in the court room arose and cheered vociferously, whereat Judge Meares became considerably vexed. He declared it to be the most disgraceful scene which he had ever witnessed in a court of justice, and remarked that the Sheriff "had not sense enough to make an arrest." Had it been Judge Clark he would probably have had every man in the house arrested, including the sheriff and jury.

Married.

At Pee Dee Heights on the 15th inst., by S. T. Cooper, Esq., Mr. Joseph Meacham to Miss Annie Hines.

Gin House Burned.

About 11 o'clock on Saturday last Mr. H. C. Dockery's gin house, located on his Dockery plantation, caught fire from the engine and was consumed with two gins, 15 bales of cotton and a large quantity of cotton seed. Attached by the same machinery is a saw-mill which, together with the engine, escaped damage; but Mr. Dockery's loss, as it is, is about twenty-one hundred dollars. No insurance.

A Whiskey Peddler Jailed.

John Moseley, a young white man from Davie county, was brought to this place and lodged in jail last week for selling liquor within local option territory, near Mangum, in this county. When arrested Moseley had in his wagon a barrel, containing some twenty gallons of liquor, which bore the proper stamps, and his offense was simply a violation of the local option law. He was tried before a magistrate who imposed a fine of five dollars and fifteen days imprisonment. The fine was promptly paid and he is now serving out the balance of his sentence.

Another Gin Horror.

Another one of the distressing cotton-gin accidents is now to be recorded. Mr. J. C. Burroughs, living at the Fair Ground, near Ellerbe Springs, in this county, had his left hand caught by the gin-saws on Thursday morning last, 13th inst., and horribly torn as high as the elbow.

Later information is that the unfortunate man's right arm was lacerated into shreds. Dr. W. H. Steele, assisted by Drs. McFayden and Garrett, amputated the arm just below the shoulder-joint, and, though nine hours had elapsed from the time of the accident, so skillful was the operation that the patient gives fair promise of recovery. He was actually drawn so far into the machine that his chin and cheek were cut by the saws.

Deaths.

We regret to record two deaths in our county from typhoid fever within the past week. On Friday last, 14th inst., Mr. James L. Hailey died at the residence of his late father-in-law, Sandy McMillan, Esq., near Laurel Hill. His remains were brought up on Saturday's train and interred at the old family grave-yard, near the river, last Sunday. He was a son of the late Mark Hailey, Esq., and a brother of R. T. Hailey, Esq., of Marshall, Texas, who was a Senator in the last Texas Legislature. Deceased was about thirty-two years old, having survived his wife only a few weeks, and four children are left to mourn the death of their parents. Also on Friday last, at Great Falls, death ended the sufferings of little Allen McIver, aged about 11, who lingered so many weeks with the dread disease and whose death had been long expected. These two families have been severely afflicted by typhoid fever, two members in each having been taken. On the 11th inst., James Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ford, died of cholera infantum. Aged one year and three months.

Dogs and Fishes.

Our readers will remember that during the past summer we reproduced, in the columns of THE ROCKET, an article from the Wilmington Star in regard to a dog owned by Mr. R. L. Steele, Jr., which would "set" and catch fish. Mr. S. W. Steele, in writing to a friend in Philadelphia some time ago, related the incident to him. In reply the gentleman says: "In 1869 Mrs. G. and myself were spending a week or two in that lovely spot—North Wales. We heard of a dog that caught salmon every day. Of course at first we could hardly credit it; but, as it

was only a pleasant drive, we determined to go, as seeing is believing. We then not only saw this dog catching salmon, but it was teaching a younger dog how to catch them." When Tebe had read this statement three times he went forth with and called up Bob's fish-dog. He took him out for a walk down on the creek and had a private talk with him, detailing the contents of the letter to this sagacious canine. Both wept copiously over the fallen glory of "Spot"; and both resolved, then and there, that no dog-gone dog should eclipse the "setter" aforesaid. The next morning "Spot" followed Tebe to the factory. Once there, Tebe tied to his (the dog's) caudal appendage a fishing "bob," and up and down the creek he went, trolling the purling eddies and the silvery pools, and an hour later he came proudly back bearing in his mouth a fine catch of trout. It is now a daily pastime for "Spot," and he may yet take a class for the instruction of other dogs in piscatorial pursuits.

Abate the Nuisance.

Correspondence of The Rocket. MR. EDITOR:—Neither official position, self-conceit, good looks, fine clothes nor parting the hair in the middle can condone misbehavior in church. Sniggering, giggling, audible conversation and laughing at persons coming in the church, is to say the least, discourteous, and prevents some from paying proper attention to the services. I have seen it nowhere in town but at the Methodist church, nor have I ever heard of it at the negro church. It should be discontinued. E FLURIBUS UNUM. Oct. 17th, 1887.

North Carolina Good Enough for Him. We were pleased to meet last week a young lawyer, Mr. H. L. Cook, just returned from a sojourn of several weeks in Texas. He spent a few days with relatives here while en route to his dear old home in Fayetteville, N. C. He afforded us the pleasure of an interview and said:

After spending a short while in Texas, in different portions of the State, I am convinced that her resources and advantages are no better, in fact not equal to those of North Carolina. The many opportunities so often spoke about for young men are all talk, as I fully believe the right kind of a young man can succeed as well in our State as he can elsewhere. If he will attend to his business, and throw as much energy and determination in it at home as he would be compelled to do in Texas to make a success, he will succeed just as well, nine times out of ten. This is my conclusion, after viewing the situation with my own eyes and senses, and I return to North Carolina more loyal and devoted to her than before, intending to live within her borders in my native city of Fayetteville the balance of my life, sharing the fortunes or misfortunes or both, whatever they may be, fully believing that our dear old State will yet bloom and blossom as a rose; that her immense resources will be developed; that her excellent climate will be appreciated, and that she will at least take rank with the most advanced States of the Union, because she has resources far superior to most of them. Society in Texas was a great disappointment to me. In the larger towns there is a very good society, small in number, but even that is nothing to compare with that of our North Carolina of one-tenth the size. In the country there is no society, but life is rough at its best. What a contrast to North Carolina, where the smallest settlement can boast of a good society of cultivated, refined women and noble, cultured men, who are enabled to enjoy the highest sentiments and pursue the nobler paths of life. In some portions of Texas the soil is fertile and very productive, but the richest portion is visited by a drouth every two or three years, and the crops are an utter failure. Few people who left the old State years ago are satisfied in Texas, and I heard several express an intention of returning to the State of their nativity, because they were convinced that she is better than any other. As for me, I can heartily give expression to the words, "North Carolina is good enough for me." I could give a good deal of information to your readers, but space forbids a longer account. I will say to all North Carolinians who are thinking of leaving her, to stay at home; they will do as well and be better satisfied here than anywhere else in the wide world, as the sun never shone upon a fairer land. This is the advice of one who bases it upon personal observation and information from the leading and successful men of Texas, made with a view of locating.

Conference and Convention. We have been furnished by the secretary with the following report of the A. M. E. Zion Conference and Convention which were held here last week:

The Wadesboro District Conference and Sunday School Convention were held in Rockingham last week. There were about 50 delegates present, who reported a mem-

bership of 2,099 Sunday-school scholars in the district. The Sunday-school convention will be held separate from the District Conference after this, and the time and place of meeting of the Sunday-school Convention was fixed—Wadesboro, N. C., the second Wednesday in August, 1888.

The Convention and Conference met on Tuesday, and adjourned Friday evening. Among the delegates we noticed a large number of females, and do congratulate the district upon the fine appearance and intellectual bearing of the ladies, generally, who gave their presence to each session.

Mr. Thomas Mask was President of the Sunday-school convention, and displayed much ability and fairness in his rulings. Presiding Elder Simmons presided over the District Conference. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. B. S. Rives of the Charlotte District. It was a fine, scholarly sermon, and was highly spoken of by all who heard it. Both conventions were largely attended by delegates and visitors, and were all well provided for by the good and hospitable people. Rev. P. J. Holmes and Mr. Mask deserve the praise for the successful management and care for the people.

A vote of thanks was tendered the white and colored for their hospitality. Hon. J. C. Dancy, of the Star of Zion, being present, he was introduced to the convention and was loudly called for to make a speech, which was complied with in a ringing speech of a half hour. W. H. Quick, Esq., was called upon to respond; he was heard pleasantly and agreeably for 20 minutes.

A successful concert and festival was given on Wednesday night, at which Mr. J. C. Dancy delivered one of his best speeches. Mr. Dancy is growing in favor as an orator, and speaks with more eloquence and effect than a few years past. In his efforts he endeavors to set forth the possibilities of the Negro, and his efforts in themselves are among the best evidences. About \$60 was realized at the entertainment.

Southern Newspapers.

From the Charlotte Chronicle. The Baltimore Manufacturer's Record is doing a grand work for the upbuilding of Southern States in collecting, collating and publishing reliable statistical data about their resources. It also gives editorial recognition of the valuable services of the Southern press in the promotion of the same object. We quote the following paragraph:

There is no better investment that the people of any live town can make than to secure first class, live papers by heartily encouraging their publishers with business. A town is judged by its papers, and few outsiders will ever be drawn to a town where the local papers show, by the lack of well filled advertising columns, the want of the energy of the people of that place.

This is but another evidence that the average newspaper is a faithful reflex of the business life of the community in which it is published. If the latter is liberal, vigorous and progressive, the paper cheerfully and energetically displays the same character, and vice versa. But in the general summing up of results it will always be found, under all circumstances, that the paper does much more for the community than the community does for it.

Referring to the Southern press in particular the Record adds:

Southern papers are doing a great work for their country. In its development they are taking the lead, and they are exerting such a mighty force for the uplifting of the people by steadily and persistently fighting for the right and striving to encourage all classes to unite in pushing on the great progress of that section as to attract universal attention. Free to a large extent from sensation trash and particulars of the latest scandals, the press of the South have bent their whole energy since 1865 to improve the material interests of that section. They have sowed, but others have reaped the profits. Certainly, with the improving financial condition of the South, the time has come when every well edited and well managed Southern paper should have its columns well filled with local advertisements at good prices. Let special issues teeming with good descriptions of towns and filled with advertisements of every business house be scattered all over the north and west this winter, and good results will surely follow as that harvest follows the seed time. But this costs money, and this money must be furnished by the real estate owners and agents, merchants, professional men, and, in fact, by every one interested in the prosperity of their section.

There is a business moral in the above. The community that is banking on its future growth should not be slow to see it.

ROCKINGHAM MARKET.

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M. H. Russell.

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