

Rockingham Rocket.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1888.

Church Directory.

METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. M. L. Wood, Pastor.—Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M. Prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Sabbath-school at 3:30 P. M.
BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. NEEDHAM B. Cobb, Pastor.—Services 1st Sunday and Thursday night preceding at 7:30 P. M.; and 3rd Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Services at Cartledge's Creek 1st Sunday in each month at 11 A. M. and Saturday preceding at 2 P. M. Sabbath-school every Sabbath at 9 A. M.

THE MAILS.

Postoffice opens at 7 o'clock A. M. Mails going East and West on C. C. Railroad close at 8 P. M. Money order department open from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
P. W. STANSELL, Postmaster.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

R. W. KNIGHT, LOCAL EDITOR.

FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

This is an important year in politics, and every man in the county should keep posted on the important questions of the day. THE ROCKET will endeavor to discuss the issues in a concise and conservative way, from a Democratic standpoint, and will keep its readers posted on the general news of the day.

We want to largely increase our subscription list within the next 30 days. We ought to have a thousand new subscribers during the campaign and we will have them if our present subscribers will help us a little. Will you do it?

We will send THE ROCKET during the campaign (until Nov. 15th) for **Only Fifty Cents, Cash**, and we want the subscribers. Send them along. No name will be entered without the cash. Remember that.

The "Flying Jenny" is raking in the shekels this week.

The County Commissioners did nothing of general interest at their meeting on Monday.

The "slaughter of the innocents" begun yesterday. It's a wise chick that knows its own roost, and sticks to it, this week.

Mr. Will Stansell requests us to say that, during Conference, the postoffice will be closed every night at 8 o'clock.

There was a large crowd in town Monday, but very few who were not obliged to come. The recent rains have put the farmers to work.

Mr. W. S. Fowlkes, at the Pee Dee House, wants to hire a good cook and a smart, sprightly porter. A good "loaf-er" as cook is preferred.

The heavy rains of last week did great damage to land and crops in sections of this county. We hear of several bridges being damaged by the freshets.

The new schedule on the Carolina Central will go into effect next Monday, the 11th, and the run will be made from Wilmington to Charlotte in about seven hours.

Miss Fields, daughter of Richard Fields, Esq., died at her home in Great Falls village on Friday night last, 1st inst. She had been a sufferer with dropsy for several months.

Mr. L. Weill wants it understood that his hack does not run for the benefit of any particular hotel, but that he will call for or deliver passengers at any hotel or residence in town.

We extend to brother Bundy, of the Laurinburg Exchange, sincere sympathy in the sorrow which has come upon him by the death of his child—his first-born—which occurred last week.

Some of the young men have bought a tennis set and have arranged a nice court on the Academy lot, where, assisted by the young ladies, they while away the hours in pleasant sport "when the evening shadows come."

A few of the young men got together last Friday and organized—or partially organized—a debating society. A subject was chosen for debate next Friday, when it is hoped that every one who wishes to join, or who is a well-wisher of the enterprise, will be present. We are requested to say that the membership will not be confined exclusively to young men, but that all who wish to do so may become members, provided they are of good moral character. Don't forget to come out Friday night, at Beth Carr Academy.

It is high time that the back lots, streets, etc., about town were being cleaned up, and it should be done thoroughly. The way to keep the town healthy is to prevent sickness, and this may be done, to a great extent at least, by putting and keeping the town in good sanitary condition. Let the commissioners see to it that it is done without delay.

In the case of Frank DeBerry, colored, against the Carolina Central Railroad, tried at the last term of Richmond Superior Court and carried on appeal to the Supreme Court, the verdict of the lower court, giving DeBerry \$2,000 damages, has been confirmed. DeBerry lost an arm in an accident while in the discharge of duties as brakeman on the road.

The chairman of the Rockingham Township Democratic Executive Committee has come forward with a club of campaign subscribers for THE ROCKET, with the cash to balance. Will not the other township committees follow his wise example? And the county committee ought by all means to invest in good campaign literature, such as we propose to make THE ROCKET, for gratuitous distribution. It is the best way to reach the masses.

Out With a Pocket-Knife.

Dr. Luther York, a nephew of Dr. Tyre York, was severely cut in the neck by a man by the name of Reese, near Holly Grove church, in this county, on Wednesday of last week. All the parties were from Yadkin county, and were coming down the country in wagons, when the difficulty occurred with the result stated above. We failed to learn the cause of the affray. Dr. W. W. Covington was sent for and went up to attend the young man, whom he found in a critical, if not dangerous, condition, but is now improving and will probably soon recover.

Death of a Good Woman.

Under the above heading we find the following item in the Monroe Enquirer and Express:

"It was with genuine sorrow that we learned of the death of Mrs. Sarah A. McMillan. She died after a few days illness at her home near Laurel Hill church, Richmond county, N. C., on the 22nd of May, aged about sixty-two years. It was the privilege of this writer to know her, and he esteemed her very highly for her many virtues. In less than nine months her brother, Alex. McMillan, Esq., his daughter and son-in-law all died, and now she has followed them to the great beyond. She was a true christian lady, kind, charitable and "given to hospitality," and, as one would expect of such a woman, we learn that her last end was peaceful and full of hope."

Court Week.

Superior Court, His Honor Judge Phillips presiding, convened for this county on Monday last. A grand jury was duly empanelled, with Col. O. H. Dockery as foreman. His Honor was careful to instruct the jury fully as to their responsibility as guardians of the public peace, not dealing so much with details and statutory definitions, but more on the line of a lecture and in a manner to excite a thoughtful consideration of their relation to the community, the interests of which they are to guard and protect. The details he left largely to the common sense of the jurors, the value of which uncommon commodity, in the exercise of their duties, he sought to impress upon them with unusual emphasis.

Election of Commissioners.

The Board of Justices met on last Monday, agreeable to appointment of law, for the purpose of assisting in the assessment of the tax levy and for electing County Commissioners to serve for the two years succeeding next December. Forty-two of the Justices of the county were present. Col. Jesse Hargrave, chairman, called the Board to order at 12 M. After endorsing the action of the County Commissioners in the matter of the tax levy, they proceeded to the election of five Commissioners, the number agreed on to be elected, on a motion made by a member of the Board, the law providing that not less than three nor more than five constitute the Board of County Commissioners. The old Board, excepting Maj. W. D. Townsend, physically disabled from long service, was re-elected, as follows: Peter McRae, W. I. Everett, Jno. F. McNair and W. F. Brookshire, and W. W. Graham vice W. D. Townsend. The law, as amended, providing that Justices of the Peace are not eligible to election as County Commissioners, Messrs. McRae, Mc-

Nair and Brookshire, who were Justices also, handed in their resignations as such before the Justices met, thus becoming eligible to re-election as County Commissioners. We neglected to state in the outset that the election of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, first in order, resulted in the choice of Mr. J. D. Bundy, the present incumbent, who has been proven to be a faithful and efficient servant in that capacity.

Levy of Taxes.

The following is the tax levy for the new fiscal year, as fixed by the Board of County Commissioners, sitting with the Board of Justices, at their meeting on Monday last:

On each poll, for general purposes, \$1.02	37
On each poll, for school purposes, .37	
Total, \$1.40	
To this must be added 60 cents for the State, making the total poll tax \$2.00, as heretofore.	
On each \$100 of property, 34	
On the same for school purposes, 12	
Total, 46	
To this must be added 20 cents for the State, making the total property tax 66 cents on the \$100 of valuation, as heretofore.	

On incomes and all subjects enumerated in Schedules B and C of an "Act to Raise Revenue," (chap. 135, Acts of 1887,) the same as is levied in said Act for State purposes.

CURRENCY.

The campaign will be a hot one, but the Republican party will cool off when it is laid in its little grave in November.

As for the Republican State Convention it may be said that it was, at best, only an undertaking establishment.—Wilmington Messenger. Yes; undertaken to be decent but made a Signal failure.

NORTH CAROLINA "endorses the administration of Cleveland, as well as his ability, wisdom, honesty, patriotism, independence and faithfulness," and says that "the best interests of the country demand his reelection." And the demand will be granted.

WELL, WELL! a "scared Democrat" is "the devil to beat" sure enough. Every county in the State "fully and handsomely represented" at Raleigh last week! The Democracy is thoroughly aroused. Never before in the history of the party have all the counties been represented at a State convention. Ta, ta, "my son."

NOTHING which the State convention did pleases us better than the election of Hon. A. M. Waddell as an elector at large. He is a true, earnest Democrat, an eloquent orator, a strong debater, and a bold, aggressive campaigner. He will storm the castles of the enemy and plant the Democratic banner in their strongholds. Colonel Dockery will doubtless keep posted as to Waddell's appointments and give him undisputed possession of the field.

MR. BLAINE has written another letter (published on our fourth page) which sets at rest all doubt as to his candidacy for the Republican nomination at Chicago. He does not desire the nomination and would probably not accept it upon any conditions. His declination will cause confusion in his party and precipitate a hot fight for the place, but the Northern papers are very unanimous in the opinion that Gresham or Depew will carry off the prize.

THE National Democratic Convention is in session in St. Louis. At this writing (Tuesday) we have no information further than that every section of the country is fully represented and that from every quarter comes the demand that Cleveland be re-nominated. We have no doubt that he will be (or has already been) nominated by acclamation, and he will lead the Democratic hosts to a glorious victory. No Republican "need apply" for the position of President as against Cleveland.

THE Mills tariff bill is again up for consideration before the House, under the five minutes rule. At the rate at which substitutes, amendments, etc., are being tacked on to it even its "daddy" would fail to recognize it if he should meet it in the gardens of the White House a week hence. But let us hope that all is for the best. The tariff is a great question and too much care cannot be exercised in its adjustment. Reduced it must be, but let it be done wisely and judiciously.

The Duquesne Steel Spring Folding Mattress, the most durable and comfortable spring bed on the market. Price, \$3.00, at Stewart's.

Mr. M. H. Russell advertises this week new arrivals in handsome and fashionable dress goods, in all the latest styles. He carries a full stock at all times, and sells goods cheap for cash. Call and see him.

Laurinburg Notes and Observations.

Special Correspondence of The Rocket. Apples offered for sale at 25 cents per dozen.

Rain in great abundance; grass plentiful, green and growing, and hoe-hands in great demand.

The Baptist congregation entertained our citizens on Wednesday night with a very palatable supper, and realized \$22 to be used in painting their handsome church.

Mr. Mark Morgan has contracted for the erection of fifteen more four-room houses at his new factory, and expects to be able to start twenty-five hundred spindles by the return of cold weather.

Quite a number of our determined Democrats were in attendance upon the session of the State convention, and they all returned free from "that headache" so much expected on such occasions. But Raleigh is a dry town, you know.

More labor saving machinery has been put in use on the farms in this section this season than ever before. Cultivators, mowers and horse-rakes are plentiful, and the first reaper and binder has just been purchased by Mr. A. L. James and Capt. W. H. McLaurin. D. T. H.

The Battle Cry.

From the Raleigh News and Observer.

The Democrats of the State have a strong ticket. All that is necessary to make certain victory in November is to rally to a man to the banner that floats over it. The banner has inscribed upon its folds the continued supremacy of the white man in this white man's country, honesty, economy and efficiency in the administration of public affairs and patriotic devotion to the interests of all the people. Let but such enthusiasm and determination to win prevail throughout the ranks of the party as was shown by the party's leaders in the nominating convention and all will be well. The State is naturally Democratic by a large majority. All that is necessary to insure continued success is for every vote to be got to the polls. Every Democrat, therefore, who has at heart the welfare of his State should constitute himself a committee of one to bring about this result. Radicalism with its enormities, its extravagance, its fallacies, its public plunder, has been put away from us through Democratic success, but there is danger of its return. It works quietly but insidiously and but recently came near wresting from us the control of the legislature. We are still too near the danger line to afford any risk through lethargy or too great confidence. Let us beware. Let us take warning in time. Let us work for the maintenance of good government while work will tell, and let us, by estimating the enemy at his strongest and preparing to meet him accordingly, make sure the victory which the admirable ticket that has been nominated makes the easier to gain.

Journalism as a Profession.

The Wilmington Star of the 25th contained a timely and well written editorial on journalism as a profession. We copy a paragraph. It says:

Journalism offers a poor field for promotion—for a living in fact. It is a profession that creates other men, but does not particularly help the creator. The editorial room is not a good stepping-stone to higher position. That is our observation through forty years. You will be called upon constantly to aid other men in obtaining office, who are perhaps unfit for the preferment and are immeasurably below one's self in all that constitutes an enlightened, qualified, well furnished citizen. We have never been acquainted with an editor of superior qualities who was not poor. He is forced through life to work like a pack-horse or like the galley-slave, and then drop into the grave unappreciated, uncared for, "unwept, unhonored and unsung." If you should aspire to some high place according to the standard of men of the world you are regarded with suspicion and as an interloper. Gov. Holden was a man of great influence in North Carolina up to the time he began to think of the Governorship and opposed Ellis. What editor in North Carolina in 1883 is generally thought of for any place? They are one and all expected to blow the trumpet for office-seekers, but they must not have a crumb of the good things. Electors at large, delegates to the National Convention, nominees for Congress or on the State ticket—how many of the Fourth Estate will be honored or thought of? This writer can say this as he has no itching for office himself and would not have one if laid at his feet. He has no bee in his bonnet and never had one.

It is a fact about that ballot stuffing in the Northern Methodist Conference. There were 459 votes cast in an election for a Bishop, where there were but 425 delegates. How is that for high? We get the information from a religious exchange. The Northern Methodists during the war wrapped the communion table in a U. S. flag, and made loyalty to the flag a test of loyalty to Christ. Behold the legitimate fruit—ballot stuffing.—Wilmington Star.

Administrators Sale of Land. BY VIRTUE of a judgment of the Superior Court of Richmond County in the case of James M. Covington, Adm'r of Robert Fletcher, dec'd, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder, at public sale for cash, at the court house door in Rockingham, in said county of Richmond, on Saturday, the 9th day of June, 1888, two lots in said town of Rockingham, adjoining each other, lying on and near Franklin street, between lots of E. P. Covington and W. A. Robbins, subject to the dower of the widow of Robert Fletcher, dec'd. The above lands will be sold to make assets for the payment of debts of Robert Fletcher, dec'd, and costs of administration, and subject to the dower right of widow. JAMES M. COVINGTON, Adm'r of Rob't Fletcher, dec'd, May 8th, 1888.

Administrators Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Administrator of the estate of John W. Sneed, dec'd, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Richmond county, hereby notifies all persons holding claims against the estate of said John W. Sneed, dec'd, to present the same, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for payment on or before the 1st of June, 1889, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to his intestate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. W. F. GIBSON, Adm'r of John W. Sneed, dec'd. April 17, 1888.

And so has MY Spring and Summer Stock. An elegant line of Dress Goods, Novelties, Notions, CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, ETC. CALL AND SEE ME. W. D. MCGRAE.

AH, THERE!

This is the time of year when everybody feels kinder bad, "blue," and run-down-at-the-heel generally. The best way in the world to make a man feel good is to let him know that he has made a good trade. Bargains in Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, Notions, &c., are just lying around loose at Wishart's, and those who come first will leave happy.

I mean what I say when I tell you that we will sell you bargains for the cash during the next thirty days, in dry goods and groceries.

A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES

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