

Rockingham Rocket.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1888.

Church Directory.

METHODIST CHURCH. Rev. M. L. Wood, Pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M.

Postoffice opens at 7 o'clock A. M. Mails going West on C. C. Railroad close at 12:15 P. M.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Santa Claus will arrive next Monday night.

On Sunday it blew a gale and on Monday it rained a flood—almost.

Bring in your chickens and eggs and turkeys, for Christmas is almost here.

Read all our new advertisements—we can't give each a separate notice this time.

We are glad to see Col. Nicholson at his post again, after several days from sickness.

And now the manufacturers of perforated chair bottoms have formed a Trust. It is a consorted affair.

Died, in Canton, Kansas, on the 1st December, Rev. Jas. P. O. Hatton, brother of Mrs. J. W. Holt, of this town.

Mr. J. S. Goldston has a fine line of Christmas goods—toys, candies, nuts, &c. Also jellies, preserves, fruit butter, &c.

Mr. John W. Covington is fitting up the second story of his new building for a town hall. And an excellent one it will make, too.

John D. Leak, Esq., and Miss Effie Bennett, daughter of Judge R. T. Bennett, were married in Wadesboro last week, by Rev. C. C. Quinn.

A negro man was knocked down and run over by a one-horse wagon, on the street near the old court house, last Saturday, but was not seriously hurt.

We do hope the town authorities will not permit such scenes of rowdiness next week as are usually indulged in here on Christmas. It is shameful and disgusting.

C. C. Taylor, Esq., has rented Mr. W. P. Stansil's new store and will occupy it about January first with a stock of groceries, &c. The Rocket wishes him success.

Mr. James Bethell and daughter, of Byrdville, Va., who were here several days on a visit to Mrs. J. M. Scales and other friends, left for home last Monday night.

Mrs. Lizzie Gibson, relict of the late Ziba Gibson, Esq., and mother of Mr. Z. L. Gibson, of Gibson's Station, died suddenly last Sunday night, in her 62nd year.

Owing to the failure of our paper to arrive on time for our outside, we are compelled to send out a few half sheets this week—a fact which we regret but can't help.

Col. Steele and Mr. Wall returned from their Chatham hunt Monday night. Result—Not much to brag on as to birds, but a splendid time among friends and acquaintances.

One would imagine, from the number of cakes which Mr. Will Hammon is baking—some of them decorated with initials, &c.—that there are to be some marriages in town before very long.

Dr. Will Fowlkes last Saturday set the leg of a colored man with whom a pair of mules had that day run away. He was thrown from the wagon and his leg was broken just below the knee.

Mr. C. E. Ashworth is erecting a small frame building on Washington street, west of Ledbetter Bros. There is, or was, a law prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings on that street. Why not enforce it?

Clothe Yourself.

I will offer you special inducements in clothing till Jan. 1st.

W. D. McRAE.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, a son was born unto Dr. W. P. and Mrs. Ida Smallwood, and on Monday last, the 17th, the little bud was gathered from the wintry blasts of earth and transplanted in the garden of perennial spring.

Miss Lizzie Scales of Byrdville, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. M. Scales. Also Miss Lelia Wilburn of Richmond, Va., is visiting Mrs. L. Weill. There are several other young ladies visiting in town whose names we have not learned.

We have ordered a lot of handsome invitation cards which will be here in time to supply any demands for ball tickets which may be needed during the holidays. And we print them as nicely and as cheaply as you can get it done elsewhere.

We call attention to the advertisement of Rocky River Springs Institute, Prof. H. S. Pickett, A. B., Principal. This school is situated at the R'y River Springs, in Stanly county, one of the most healthful places in the State. The Principal is highly endorsed as an excellent teacher.

Mr. Julian H. Little, of this county, who has been clerking in Charlotte for a number of years, first with Hargraves & Alexander and latterly with T. L. Seigle & Co., is now with M. P. Pegram, jr., the "Haberdasher," who has a fine stock of goods furnishing goods to which he invites the attention of our readers. Mr. Little will promptly fill all orders from his friends. See advertisement in this issue.

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, the County Commissioners will make application to the next General Assembly for power to issue bonds to build a new court house for the county. They propose that the building shall not exceed \$20,000 in cost, and for that sum a handsome court house ought to be built. But we hope—and we have heard many others so express themselves—that the Commissioners will not get too economical and build one at a much less cost. The maximum, "build for the generation to follow," is a wise one.

Mr. Russell has a lot of chickens in the lot in rear of his store. Recently he kept missing his chickens, one at a time, until five choice hens had disappeared. Then he concluded to set a steel trap and catch the marauder, which he surmised was a mink. Accordingly he did so. Next morning when he went to investigate he found the trap sprung and the bill of a chicken whacked off. Next night he distributed some poisoned meat around, and when he again went to investigate he found a very large, fat possum stretched upon the ground, dead, over whose remains Sam Crawford wept tears of pitiful anguish—because it was "poisoned."

The Best Yet.

The best report of porkers comes from Mason's Cross, in lower Richmond. Here is the record as sent us: Mr. M. V. McGregor slaughtered one two years and five months old which weighed 420 lbs.; Philip Parker one two years and 5 months old which weighed 550 lbs.; J. W. Graham one 14 months old which weighed 355 lbs.

Married in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Will N. Everett, formerly of this town, was married in Norfolk, Va., at 5 o'clock yesterday evening (the 19th) to Miss Lena Payne, at the residence of the bride's parents. Several of the groom's relatives and friends went from here to be present at the consummation of so happy an event in this worthy young man's life; for whom and his bride we wish a life of happiness.

A Crash at the Drug Store.

During the high wind which prevailed last Sunday a very tall chimney to Dr. W. M. Fowlkes & Co.'s drug store fell with a crash upon the roof about 2 o'clock p. m. The room just beneath the fallen "tower," which was used by Dr. Fowlkes and Mr. S. Biggs as a sleeping apartment, was badly wrecked. Several of the rafters were broken and nearly all the plastering knocked off, but aside from this no damage was done. No one was in the room at the time. The damage to the building is probably \$150.

For the Holidays.

Great bargains in Shoes, Hats, Ladies' and Gents' Underwear, &c., at

W. D. McRAE'S.

An Error.

In the "Annual Statement" published on our first page the total summing up of allowances is incorrect. The amount should be \$8,504.98, instead of \$85098, as it appears. It will be correct in next issue.

Kill Your Other Goat, Mr. Ellerbe.

D. C. Lytch, Esq., of Laurinburg, writes under date of Dec. 15th: "Please say to Mr. M. C. Ellerbe, of Rockingham township, that I have beat him in slaughtering pigs. I killed two on yesterday, eighteen months old, which weighed, one 355 and the other 335 lbs.—total 690 lbs. net. Made about 35 gallons of lard out of the two hogs."

Almost a Fire.

The violent ringing of the bell at the Pee Dee House about 2 o'clock p. m. last Saturday, followed by the cry of fire, caused a rapid and general turn-out of the populace. Smoke was issuing from the windows in the second story, and a bed-room was filled almost to suffocation to those who first entered. But no fire could be found. From roof to cellar the search was carried, but to locate the fire seemed impossible. Finally, after cutting into the wall in several places it was found in the wall, between the ceiling, whence a match had evidently been carried by the rats and there ignited. It was a narrow escape. Had it occurred in the night it is quite likely we should have had another big fire to chronicle this week, as the hotel is situated in a block of old wooden buildings (and the last one in town) which would burn like tinder. The building was damaged considerably in the effort to locate the fire, and Mr. Fowlkes sustained about \$150 loss in breakage and damage to furniture, carpets, &c.

A Day Late.

THE ROCKET is a day late in issuing this week. Several things have conspired to this result. First, our printer is in bed again; then every merchant in and out of town wanted his advertisement changed this week, causing a large amount of extra work; then our emergency help, "Billy the Cook," has been so busy baking Christmas fixin's that he has had to give us the cold shoulder (not a baked one, however); and then, this being our last issue before Christmas, we didn't care much, anyway—especially as we couldn't help it. We shall issue no paper next week, unless it be a half sheet.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED.

To THE EDITOR—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C. 181 Pearl st. N. Y.

HOW DOCTORS CONQUER DEATH.

Doctor Walter K. Hammond says: "After a long experience I have come to the conclusion that two thirds of all deaths from coughs, pneumonia and consumption, might be avoided if Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption were only carefully used in time." This wonderful Remedy is sold under a positive guarantee by Dr. W. M. Fowlkes & Co.

DO NOT SUFFER ANY LONGER.

Knowing that a cough can be checked in a day, and the first stages of consumption broken in a week, we hereby guarantee Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption, and will refund the money to all who buy, take it as per directions, and do not find our statement correct.

Boys and Girls in Holland.

A letter from a lady traveling in Holland tells how they distinguish the boys from the girls in that country. They are all dressed alike, in dark, full skirts and gay bodices. All had long hair and long, thick bangs trained to stand out under their tight caps like little towers to shade their eyes. We began to wonder why they were all girls, when suddenly the guide seized one, saying: "Do you think this is a boy or a girl?" When we said "Girl," he whisked the child around and pointed to a little red and white crown piece in the back of his cap. "No," he said, "girls' caps are plain. Until the children are 8 years old you can't tell a boy from a girl, except from the backs of their heads." By asking the children their names we found the guide was right, and we all wondered what Young America would say if he were obliged to dress like his sister until he was 8 years old.—Chicago Mail.

Time for a Change.

John Cahill and his 5-year-old boy hardly speak as they pass by. It came to pass a few days ago that the youngster got into some mischief that called for a severe reprimand and slight corporal punishment. Mr. Cahill administered both, but as he was about to leave the room he heard the boy say to his mother: "Mamma, I think it's about time you got me a stepfather."—Bridgeport News.

The Family Underlies All.

The root of the commonwealth is in the homes of the people. The social and civil life springs from the domestic life of mankind. The official life of a nation is ordinarily the reflex of the moral sense of the people. The morality of public administration is to be gauged by the moral standard of the family. The river does not rise above its source.—Once a Week.

Subscribe for the Rocket.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to the taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

ROCKINGHAM MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. I. EVERETT, DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cotton, Good Middling, Bacon, Shoulders, Hams, Beeswax, Chickens, Eggs, Flour, Northern, Patents, Grain, Corn, Oats, Peas, Hides, Green, Salt.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St., N. Y.

New Advertisements.

Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA—RICHMOND COUNTY. Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners will, at their next regular meeting the first Monday in January, A. D. 1889, receive bids for keeping in repair the county fence in Richmond county for the year 1889 in the following sections:

- 1st section. From McGill's church to Bostick's store.
2nd section. From Bostick's store to old Fair Ground gate.
3rd section. From gate at old Fair Ground to Leubetter's Factory.
4th section. From Leubetter's Factory to Laurel Hill road.
5th section. From Laurel Hill road to Marks Creek.
6th section. From Marks Creek to Old Hundred.
7th section. From Old Hundred to Malloy's mill.
8th section. From Malloy's mill to McMillan's mill.
9th section. From McMillan's mill to the Turnpike road near Lauchlin McNeill's house.
10th section. From the Turnpike road to the intersection of the old and new fence.
11th section. From the intersection of the old and new fence to opposite Russell's old bridge.
12th section. From opposite Russell's old bridge to Campbell's bridge.
By order of the Board of County Commissioners. J. A. NICHOLSON, Clerk Board County Commissioners, Dec. 4th, 1888.

NORTH CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Superior Court.

Walter Brem, Trustee, Plaintiff, AGAINST J. T. Allred and wife H. A. Allred, J. W. Allred and wife Catherine Allred, B. F. Rush and wife A. A. Rush, J. F. Allred and Jerome Allred, Defendants.

By virtue of an order made by His Honor John A. Gilmer, Judge, at Fall Term, A. D. 1888, of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public outcry, at the court house door in the town of Rockingham on Monday, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1889, being the first Monday in said month, and the interest of J. T. Allred and wife H. A. Allred, and of J. W. Allred and wife Catherine Allred, in the following lands, to-wit: One tract situate on both sides of Big Mountain Creek, lying and being in the counties of Rockingham and Montgomery, in said State, containing four hundred and forty-five acres; for a more particular description of which reference is made to a deed registered in Book 21, page 670, in the Register's office of Montgomery county.

One undivided half of a certain tract of land lying and being in the county of Montgomery, on the east prong of Little River, known as the "Pleasant Simmons Mill tract," containing one hundred acres; for a more particular description of which reference is made to a deed registered in Book 21, page 670, in the Register's office of Montgomery county. A tract of land situate on Silver Run, in Richmond county, containing fifty acres; for a more particular description of which reference is made to a deed from Hiram Baldwin conveying said land to Isaac Allred.

D. STEWART, Commissioner. Rockingham, N. C., Nov. 16, 1888. Send us your orders for job work.

A SAD STORY.

The child coughed. The mother ran. No remedy was near. Before morning the poor little sufferer was dead. Moral: Always keep Dr. Acker's English Remedy at hand.

Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA—RICHMOND COUNTY. Application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina for leave to the County Commissioners of Richmond county to issue bonds of the county to an amount not exceeding \$20,000, in such sums and payable as they may determine, for the purpose of building a court house in said county. By order of the Board of County Commissioners. J. A. NICHOLSON, Clerk Board County Commissioners, Dec. 4th, 1888.

Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA—RICHMOND COUNTY. Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners will, at their next regular meeting the first Monday in January, A. D. 1889, receive sealed proposals for the maintenance of the county poor sent to the poor house by order of this Board for the year A. D. 1889, said Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of County Commissioners. J. A. NICHOLSON, Clerk Board County Commissioners.

Murder in Town!

J. W. HOLT

KILLED OLD SANTA CLAUS

and captured all the nice things which he had kept for the pretty blue-eyed maidens.

IT WILL ASTONISH

the old and the young to come and see the IMMENSE STOCK of

CHRISTMAS TRICKS

that I captured of old Santa, such as Toys and Vases of all kinds, shape, form and fashion. Fruits, Nuts and Candies in great variety. Come one, come all, great and small, and take a peep B-4 U buy. J. W. HOLT, Nov. 29-41. The old stand-by.

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THE SCIENCE OF LIFE. THE GRAND MEDICAL WORK of the age. Menstrual, Nervous and Physical Debility, Premature Decline, Errors of Youth, and the untold miseries consequent thereon. 200 pages 50c, 125 prescriptions for all diseases. Cloth, full gilt, only \$1.00, by mail, sealed. Illustrative sample free to all young and middle aged men. Send now. The Gold and Jeweled Medal awarded to the author by the National Medical Association. Address P. O. Box 188, Boston, Mass., or Dr. W. H. PARKER, graduate of Harvard Medical College, 27 years' practice in Boston, who may be consulted confidentially. Specialty, Diseases of Man. Office No. 4 Bulfinch st.

Saved From the Fire!

I WOULD respectfully inform my patrons that we have removed the remainder of our stock of goods, saved from the recent fire, to the second story of the Dawkins building, where we are offering special inducements to close out, regardless of cost, and will make it to your interest to see us before you buy, as we are determined to sell. The goods in stock are in good order, and our usual assortment is represented. A. P. STEWART.

They Have Come!

NEW GOODS

FOR THE

Fall and Winter Trade!

I have just returned from the Northern markets where I purchased a large and complete stock of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, DRESS GOODS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, Notions, Hosiery, And everything usually found in a first-class general stock, all of which will be Sold at Low Figures for the cash. Give me a call before purchasing. W. D. McRae.

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PAPER, PENS, INK,

Letter Paper, Blank Books, Receipts, etc.

BUIST'S FRESH SODA SEEDS.

The Best Soda and Mineral Water.

Physicians' Prescriptions Fully Filled.

Warranted. JEWELRY, etc.

We have Received

a big lot of Ladies' and Young's jackets which we are offering at a reduced price. Many of these are very fine goods. We have just received 150 pairs of men's suspenders which we are selling at 50 cents in the dollar to close out. Also 200 pairs of men's and boys' socks. We have the same way for the holiday trade. We have a large stock of goods for sale. We have bought at less than the retail price. We have a large stock of goods for sale. We have bought at less than the retail price. We have a large stock of goods for sale. We have bought at less than the retail price.

SUBSTANTIAL VALUE

We have some elegant Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers that are beauties at a low price. We have some New York City and Albany goods which are a line of "I say" goods. We have some goods for sale. We have bought at less than the retail price. We have a large stock of goods for sale. We have bought at less than the retail price.

M. H. Russell

Dress Goods, Laces, Trimmings, Gloves, &c.

down to close out. W. D. McRae has the honor of introducing you to our goods.