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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

"TO MY FRIENDS."

I congratulate the citizens of Southport and surrounding country of the medium we have (THE SOUTHPORT LEADER) of communication, I take this my first opportunity through a public medium of thanking the citizens for their liberal patronage in the past and hope by strict attention to business, always having the interest of my patrons in view, to merit a continuance of the same.

D. I. WATSON,
If you are in need of **Medicines** call at the Drug Store.
If you want chemically pure and fresh **Preparations** call at the Drug Store.
If you want any **Patent Medicine** call at the Drug Store.
If you want **A Good Smoke** call at the Drug Store.
If you want good **Chewing Tobacco** call at the Drug Store.
If you want good **Perfumery** or any **Toilet Article** call at Drug Store.
If you want **Garden Seed** call at the Drug Store.
If you want **Wall Paper** call at the Drug Store.
If you want anything usually kept in a first-class drug store do not hesitate but call for it.
Prescriptions carefully compounded.

D. I. WATSON, M. D., Prop.
We call attention of our many friends and patrons to the fact that we are now prepared to furnish

PIANOS, ORGANS,
—AND—
BAND INSTRUMENTS
for Cash as cheap as any House in the United States, or on

EASY INSTALLMENT PLAN.
All kinds of Sheet Music and Musical Merchandise, and in fact anything pertaining to music that can be had in the United States ordered on short notice and satisfaction guaranteed.

We also keep on hand a small stock of **LATEST AND BEST NOVELS** in convenient form for leisure hour reading.
Our fall and winter stock of **Millinery** will be sold out at greatly reduced prices.
LADIES AND MISSES HATS
From 18 cts to \$1.50 Each.
We have also line of cheap **Men's Hats** which we will sell cheap to close out at 25 cents to \$1.00.

We also keep on hand a full line of fresh **FAMILY GROCERIES** which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest for cash. Respectfully,
DREW & DAVIS.

NEW SPRING GOODS!
We respectfully announce to our many friends and patrons, that we have just added many seasonable goods to our stock, such as

DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS,
NOTIONS.

LADIES S H MISSES
AND O E AND
GENTS' S S CHILD'S

LADIES AND GENTS'
UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, Etc., Etc.
These are in all the latest styles, which we will positively sell at the lowest prices. So all are invited to call and examine.

—No trouble to Show Goods—
We are making many additions to our Choice Stock of Family Groceries.
GUTHRIE & RUARK.

THE FAST RUNNING STEAMER
"BESSIE."
W. A. SNELL, Master.
Leaves Wilmington, daily except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m., for Southport and intermediate ports.
Returning leaves Southport at 2:30 p. m.

NOTICE TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!

We take this our first opportunity (through the columns of a newspaper published in our city), to thank our friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us since we commenced business, a little over a year ago, and we hope by fair dealing and strict attention to business to merit a share (at least) of their patronage in future.

We would call attention to the fact that we have in stock a good assortment of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE
which we are selling
AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

NEW STORE!

VISIT BELL'S NEW STORE!

[The finest building in Southport.]

We would respectfully call attention to our general excellent line of

MERCHANDISE.

This week we open the largest and finest consignment of

BOOTS AND SHOES

ever seen in Southport.

Call and Examine for yourself, and be convinced that J. A. BELL'S is the place

BUY THE BEST GOODS.

Don't fail to call, and

SECURE BARGAINS.

THE RACKET STORE.

A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned.

Therefore come to the Racket Store where you can save them.

Shake off the Manacles of the Old Credit System.

Free yourselves from the oppressive and burdensome prices imposed by long time concerns.

COME AND BUY

your goods for cash at

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES,

and thereby secure the independence, freedom and liberty, which every Cash Buyer enjoys.

LOOK OUT EACH WEEK FOR

BARGAINS.

T. J. WESTCOTT.

WEEKS & SMITH.

REAL ESTATE,

FIRE INSURANCE,

BROKERAGE AND

COMMISSION

Real Estate Bought and Sold.

Information furnished regarding Southport and adjacent property.

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CLASSICS, SCIENCES,

MODERN LANGUAGES.

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WOOD YARD

and will deliver wood in any part of the city at short notice.

DOSHER, ST. GEORGE & CO.

GENERAL NEWS.

FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SOUTH.

The Severe Cold Wave—The Crops Suffering in Virginia and a Portion of this State.

NORFOLK, Va.—A heavy snow storm spread over this section and Tidewater. Budding strawberry patches, blooming orchards and great fields of vegetables have been ruined. The winter in this region has been the mildest for forty years. Flowers bloomed two months before their usual time and strawberries have been shipped from patches which thrived in the open air. But today all is gloom. A thick coating of frozen slush cover the fields and blooming plants show their beauty through transparent globes of ice.

In Greenville county the people are already crying for bread and subscriptions have been collected for them for the past three weeks through the Chamber of Commerce of Norfolk and other Virginia cities. It will be August before another crop can be harvested there, and the worst suffering is yet to come. The laboring classes are fast leaving the county and the farmers have to depend on their own efforts for subsistence.

In Northampton county, N. C., near the Virginia line, the same pitiful condition of affairs exists, owing to the heavy floods and loss of crops for two seasons.

On Friday last the temperature in Norfolk was 76 degrees above zero. Today it is 28 degrees above. The churches have been almost deserted, and all boats and trains are many hours behind time. Street-car transportation has been accomplished with poor success, owing to the glassy condition of the streets. No wrecks have as yet been reported along the coast, but as a strong gale and a blinding snow storm have prevailed all day, it will not be surprising if several disasters are reported in the morning. The signal service line between Cape Henry and Hatteras has been blown down, so no information can be obtained.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—It snowed here for three hours, from 9 until noon. It has done considerable damage to early crops which cannot as yet be estimated.

WYNNABOW ITEMS.

I intended to have written to you in time for your first issue, but was prevented by a pressure of business, together with a slight indisposition.

The past winter has been the mildest within my recollection. The farmers generally in this vicinity have made good use of the excellent opportunity presented by the fine weather, and are well advanced with their work. The fences are generally repaired, and the compost heaps in the fields indicate that the farmers are determined to practice the intensive system more than heretofore.

The rice planters on the river, of which the greater portion of those in the county are in Town Creek township, have made good use of the unusually favorable winter, and have put their lands in good order, and will be fully ready to plant when the season arrives. Town Creek is the largest township in the county, and contains every variety of soil and production. It extends from Cape Fear river on the east to the Green-swamp and Columbus line on the west. The principal crops cultivated are rice, corn, cotton, ground peas and sweet and Irish potatoes.

Town Creek rises in the Green-swamp, flows eastwardly nearly through the centre of the township into Cape Fear river, and is navigable for steamboats to the bridge at the Georgetown road, a distance by its windings of about thirty miles. Our citizens are generally poor, but

we have fairly good lands and a pleasant country, and under proper development we could produce any grains, roots, fruits or plants that will grow between Canada West and the Tropic of Cancer.

Among the things which make this township pleasant and attractive are three Baptist and three Methodist churches, all of which, I believe, have Sunday schools. I am not personally acquainted with the workings of the latter at all the churches, but the Sunday school at Zion Methodist church under the superintendency of G. H. Cannon, and that of Lebanon Baptist church under the superintendency of I. W. Harrelson, are especially good.

We have three postoffices, El Paso, Town Creek and Wynnabow, which are of great advantage to the people, but they are not sufficient for their proper accommodation. The neighborhood about Lebanon Church especially needs a post office.

Our township has one resident physician, Dr. J. C. Henry, an honest and scrupulous gentleman of the old school. He certainly possesses what some have called a rare virtue in a physician, that is, in his practice he never makes new cases for the future, hence we have but little sickness. Death claimed one of our excellent citizens yesterday morning in the person of Moses McKeithen, who had been confined to his bed with paralysis for about twelve months.

I feel highly gratified that a paper has been started in our county. We have long needed one. I hope it may prove a LEADER for a good many years.

SHALLOTTE ITEMS.

Shalotte is the name of the most south eastern township in N. C., a river and large swamp, two churches, a post office, and Sub Alliance No. 287 also bears that name. The township in 1880 had 1630 inhabitants. It is 12 miles long, and about 8 miles wide so it contains about 100 square miles. At the mouth of the river, there was about 50 years ago town lots laid off, several good houses erected, a saw mill and two stores were operated several years, but most of them have gone down. What is called Shalotte now, is at the head of sloop navigation at the public bridge. It has never been laid off in lots, but has been conveyed in small tracts of one or two acres, and several good buildings have been put up. There are about one hundred people in a radius of one mile. A Methodist church, the postoffice, five stores, two saw and grist mills, one large cotton gin, capable of ginning eight bales per day; two turpentine distilleries, two blacksmith shops, one most excellent shoe shop, one artist, one doctor, two ministers, two magistrates, one coroner, one County Commissioner, the County Superintendent, the Sheriff, six school teachers and one member of the Board of Education, who is also secretary of the County Alliance, and as to Sunday school superintendents and public praying men they include all, except the sheriff and myself, surely there is not a town in the State that can compare much less excel ours in improvement and professional men.

COUNTY ITEMS.

Brunswick county will liquidate its debt at the next meeting of the County Commissioners in April. The special tax levied last year was for this purpose.

At the Orton Plantation plowing is about completed and harrowing will soon be started. Planting will be in operation between March 20th and April 1st. Same can be said for Kendall plantation.

FARMERS ARE PREPARING TO SEED IN TOWN CREEK.

After all, the most natural beauty in the world is honesty and moral truth. For all beauty is truth. True features make the beauty of the face; and true proportions the beauty of architecture; as true measures that of harmony and music. In poetry which is all fable, truth still is the perfection.—[Shaftesbury]

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

They Held Their Regular Monthly Meeting and Transact a Large Amount of Business.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, was held last Monday morning at the Court House.

The following members were present: M. C. Guthrie, S. J. Stanley.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Ordered, That Mary Ann Bennett, be paid \$2 inability.

Ordered, That John Browning, be paid \$2 inability.

Ordered, That Jesso Leonard, be paid \$1.50 inability.

Ordered, That Calvin Little, be paid \$3 inability.

Ordered, That Wm. Russ and wife, be paid \$5 inability.

Ordered, That E. A. McLaughlin, be paid \$3 inability.

Ordered, That the clerk forward to Daniel W. Bain, State Treasurer \$3, balance due on account of Alice Du Boise.

Ordered, That Mathew Long be paid \$33.52 for poor house supplies.

Ordered, That same be paid \$19.07 as keeper of poor house.

Robert C. Smith having produced his tax receipt for 1886, he is hereby restored to his rights of his real estate for which the county held a deed.

That the contract to repair Lockwoods Folly lower bridge, be and is hereby awarded to Washington Sellers for the sum of \$143.00, as per specifications on file in this office.

Ordered, That the estate of Jones Bryant be relieved of poll-tax for 1889.

The Board then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m., the Board met according to order of adjournment.

Ordered, That Jim Demory, be paid \$2 inability.

Ordered, That T. M. Justin, be paid \$4 inability.

Ordered, That Mary A. Brown, be paid \$5 inability.

Ordered, That J. J. Johnson, be paid \$4 inability.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that Mrs. E. J. Grissitt, a widow, is unable to pay tax and costs on her land sold for taxes, the tax being tendered, the cost and charges are hereby remitted on a count of her condition.

George M. McKeithen, county surveyor, having tendered his resignation and the same having been accepted, the office of county surveyor is hereby declared vacant, the same to be filled the first Monday in April.

Ordered, That Nelly Grissom be allowed \$2 per month from March 1st, 1890, and that she be entered a regular pauper.

Ordered—W. H. Craig, be allowed to enter county poor house.

Ordered—Betty Holden be allowed the same.

Ordered—Benjamin Williams be relieved from poll-tax for 1890.

Ordered—F. M. Morre's liquor license to sell at Fair Oaks, shall date from March 1, 1890, instead of February 1.

Ordered—Dr. Watson be allowed \$1 for visiting prisoner in jail.

Ordered—S. S. Drew be paid \$22.61 for tax notices.

Ordered—John Sullivan be allowed \$2 per month, and that he be entered a regular pauper.

The Clerk was ordered to advertise for proposals to put in repair the upper and lower Hoods creek bridges.

The following bills were ordered to paid: C. W. Yates, stationery \$3.10; Jackson & Bell, stationery \$1.75; W. A. Price, jail fees \$27.90; M. C. Guthrie, per diem \$2.00; S. J. Stanley, per diem and mileage \$4.69.

It was also ordered to pay the following named persons for inability: Nancy Russell, Allen Galloway, Ann Galloway, \$2 each; Lucy Daniels \$3, and Emma Rabon \$1.

Ordered, That S. S. Drew, be paid \$905 for services and fees.

The Board then adjourned to meet the first Monday in April.

S. S. DREW, Clerk.

WILMINGTON ADVERTISEMENTS.

ALDERMAN, FLANNER & CO.,

Importers and Wholesale

DEALERS IN

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No. 114 North Front Street,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

JAS. F. WOOLVIN,

Successor to J. W. Woolvin.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SAMUEL BEAR,

Wholesale Dealer in

TOBACCO, CIGARS, SNUFF, &c.

No. 12 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

Highest Market Prices Paid For

HIDES, FURS, WOOL,

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Wilmington Marble Yard

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North Front Street,

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—AND—

GRAVE STONES

MADE TO ORDER.

R. L. HUTCHINS

Papering an Everlasting Wall Finish.

PRACTICAL PAINTER,

Also Dealer in

TRADE MARK.

DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED

Goods.

LEADS, FINE PAINTS & OILS.

No. 2 North Second Street,

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FOR RENT.

On Bay street, with fine view of the Harbor and Ocean, a large FURNISHED House, very desirable. For terms apply to

Col. ROGER MOORE,

Wilmington, N. C.

Sealed Proposals.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Commissioners for Brunswick County, at their next regular meeting to be held on the first Monday in April, 1890, for repairing the upper and lower Hoods Creek Bridges.

Bids must state amount of work proposed to be done, and the kind of material to be used.

S. S. DREW,

Clerk County Commissioners.