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LOCALS.

Z. T. Wright & Bro. will tell their customers and the public something next week.

After more than usual pains, our farmers have put in a larger crop of wheat than for any of the past several years.

There is no longer any doubt of it. If the world doesn't come to an end we will have a new Court House within the next twelve months.

The finance board finished their arduous duty yesterday, and hand ed in their annual report, which will be published in our next issue along with the annual exhibit.

Mr. H. D. Scarboro, whose gentle and pleasant face is known to so many of us passed through town yesterday on his way from his business quarters in Raudeman to his home at Mt. Gilead.

On last Friday, our clever post master, F. M. Warner, moved his family into his handsome new residence. We are also pleased to note that Mr. Frank Atkins has so far completed his new house, as to enable him to move in.

An interesting and instructive article in regard to the merits, &c., of the Farmers' Alliance appears in another column of this paper. It is written by one who knows whereof he speaks and is well worthy of perusal by every farmer in Montgomery county. It turns on some light. Read it.

The following new advertisements that appear in this paper deserve the special attention of our business readers: Messrs. Worth & Worth, Wilmington; Z. T. Wright & Bro., Xmas Auction; Taylor's Barber, Wilmington; J. M. Monger, Sandiford Hotel; Berkeley & Arnold, Raleigh.

Some of our fun-loving young friends who were perhaps a little too eager for innocent sport, in an attempt to bell the newly married couple at the residence of Mr. Wm. Atkins last Thursday night were worsted. A majority of them we learn came out of the fray with darker features than when they entered it.

We take pleasure in recommending to those who may desire to insure their lives the Valley Mutual Life Insurance Association of Virginia. We have been carrying a policy in it for four years, and during that time have kept posted as to its management, and have not known of one instance when it did not promptly meet obligations to its policy holders. You can't obtain a safer and cheaper insurance than the Valley Mutual offices.

With the *Wilmington Star* we sincerely regret to hear of the serious condition of health of Prof. W. G. Simmons, of Wake Forest College. He has been compelled to give up work for the present. An assistant professor has been elected. He is an excellent and most valuable man—a man of superior parts admirably disciplined. He is a native of this county and has been a professor at Wake Forest for probably thirty years. We will be glad to know of a restoration of his health at an early day.

Monday and Tuesday last were quite lively days among our sporting men. Mr. D. A. Lowder and some friends from Sandy, with

Messrs. A. B. Covington, S. J. Sutherland, T. J. Shaw and A. B. Moore, on Monday made a drive for deer and captured a fine buck—weight 125 lbs; and on Tuesday brought down another weighing 110 lbs. The last day's chase is reported as having been very exciting; so much so that one of the party coming at the last, and after the doomed buck was down, broke his gun trying to brain it.

A stranger whose name we have been unable to learn dropped in during the prayer meeting services at the Methodist Church last Sunday night, and just as the congregation was dismissed, expressed a desire to be heard. This granted he immediately laid claim to his prophetic gift, and by displaying a "little book" with

titles such as "Cash vs. Credit,"

he was to the point and worth the price of the paper, and will be gladly welcomed.

The Alliance is an organization

of, not farmers simply, but of all those whose interests are not antagonistic or burdensome to the farmer. The order originated in Texas, was fully tested, and so warmly endorsed by the farmers and others eligible in the State of Louisiana, it was determined to send it out to others also. With what avidity it has been seized upon, caught up and spread abroad, is known to some extent at least, by those unfamiliar with its teachings.

Owing to the limit of time allowed to those sent among us, our county was scarcely half organized; but still a sufficient number of counties were organized to insure a State Organization.

We are now prepared to send out organizing officers of our own, just as soon as the proper applications are made and accepted; as per extract of letter published in *VIDETTE* of Nov. 17, ult. Our county has already an organizer. Then let me say to all, be ready, when it is again offered you. Enquire into the matter.

OUR DECLARATION OF PURPOSES ARE,

1. To labor for the education of the agricultural classes, in the science of economical government, in a strictly non partisan spirit.

2. To endorse the motto, "In things essential unity; and in all things charity."

3. To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially.

4. To create a better understanding for sustaining civil officers in maintaining law and order.

5. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves.

6. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices; all unhealthy rivalry and selfish ambition.

7. The brightest jewel which it garners are the tears of widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding; to assuage the sufferings of a brother or sister; bury the dead; care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity towards offenders, to construe words and deeds in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others; and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death. Its laws are reason and equity, its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life; its intention is "peace on earth and good will toward men."

These are our purposes and we intend to carry them out. Study them closely and see what a vast amount they contain, and what a world of good their accomplishment will effect. The order is a secret one and there is just where in its usefulness lies; for if it were public it would accomplish but little. I might write page after page if I were to try and describe the working, the good, the beauty and the grand results of the Alliance, and still fail in my object. It is all embodied in our purposes. Hold up the picture and view it in the light of truth and honesty, allowing your mental vision full play, and you will see enough to satisfy you, that he who said "the mind can scarcely grasp the good there is in this thing" had cause sufficient for his utterance.

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