LOCAL NEWS.

Local Passenger Schedule W. N. C. R. R.

GOING WEST.

No. 50 passes Morganton.....4.01 A. M.
No. 52 " " .....2.00 P. M.

GOING EAST.

No. 53 passes Morganton.....4.22 P. M.
No. 51 " " .....3.12 A. M.

—The Catawba River was booming over all the county bridges last Friday.

—Mr. Carlton Giles is building a handsome residence on his farm near Glen Alpine.

—Read the advertisement for creditors by A. F. Somers, administrator of Wm. Buff, deceased.

—It is almost a certainty that a large canning factory will be erected in Morganton this spring.

—Lumber dealers should read the advertisement of the Burke County Fair Association in another column.

—Mr. Moulton Shuping recently had the misfortune to have a dry kiln containing 15,000 feet of flooring and ceiling destroyed by fire at his saw mill near Morganton.

—Old "Aunt" Sarah McGimpsey, a colored mother in Isreal, widely known and respected, died in Quaker Meadow's township last week, aged more than 80 years.

—The grading of the new Asylum road has been completed, and the work of macadamizing goes bravely on. It will be when completed, one of the finest pieces of road in the State.

—Morganton is having a new fence boom. All over the town the citizens are building new fences. If they will paint the new and white wash the old fences all over the town it will be a great improvement

—The Bee Mountain Mining Company are getting in additional machinery for their mines in Caldwell county. There were a number of teams in town Tuesday hauling the machinery from the depot to the mines.

—The citizens of Glen Alpine, whose academy building was wrecked by the wind storm of last week, are hard at work preparing to rebuild. A subscription paper has been circulated and a liberal amount secured for the work.

—The meeting of the Men's Guild of Grace Episcopal church announced by the rector, Rev. C. L. Hoffman, for last night (Wednesday) will be held to night, having been postponed on account of the entertainment by the young ladies of the Presbyterian church.

—There were several ugly typographical errors in last week's HERALD, made by the printers in correcting proof, and which consequently escaped the editor's notice until after the paper was printed. Such things are annoying, but they can't be helped it seems.

—Mayor Robertson has been shipping a great deal of lumber from Morganton to New York for the last month. Saw mill men here are not able to supply the demand for yellow pine and poplar lumber. Unfortunately the prices they are now realizing are rediculously low, but they have themselves to blame for that. They could and should get better prices for their lumber.

—The street leading from King to Sterling streets beyond Mrs. Ferree's property is being opened up to travel. A substantial culvert has been constructed over the branch and a fill will be made to bring the road up to the level of the fill on Sterling street. It will be a short way to the depot and a great convenience to the citizens of South Morganton.

—Mr. J. H. Pearson showed us a few days ago some beautiful specimens of granite from a quary which he has just opened on some of his property just outside of town. Mr. Pearson had purchased stone in another county for his new residence, but none of that shipped him was as fine a building stone as that found on his own premises within a few hundred yards of his building site..

—Don't forget that Miss Francis F. Cunningham, a graduate of the National School of Oratory and Teacher of Elocution in Davenport Female College in Lenoir will give one of her charming entertainments in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, April 17th, at eight o'clock. Morganton should give her a large crowd, as it is not often that we have the opportunity of hearing so fine an artist in her line.

—Ex-Governor Russell Alger, the wealthy Michigander, whose friends and supporters in the last Republican National Convention made such an uproar in the Convention Hall trying to convince themselves that Alger was "all right" is negotiating for the purchase of large tracts of timber land in Western North Carolina. His agents have been inspecting some large tracts of timber land in Burke and Mitchell counties.

—The Board of Directors of the Burke County Fair Association has levied a second assessment on stock subscribed. This call is for 20 per cent., which shareholders are requested to meet promptly. Work is being vigorously pushed at the Fair grounds, and they are being put in beautiful shape. Next week work will commence on the race track and the high picket fence that will surround the 40 acre grounds. Subscribers are earnestly requested to meet assessments promptly, as the work must go on.

—As will be seen in the report of the County Alliance meeting, that body by a large majority favors the "no-fence law." There is a talk of a petition for an election to include the whole Catawba river valley from the McDowell to the Catawba county line, excluding the mountains on both of the valley. Prominent farmers tell us there is a rapidly growing sentiment in favor of the law.

—There is a proposition on foot to erect a high bridge over "Breakneck" at the point where the street leading from the Mountain Hotel crosses the gulch. It will take some high trestle work, and will cost a good deal of money, but it ought to be built. The town is growing too rapidly to be cut in two by this impassible ravine. In the olden time there was a bridge over "Breakneck," but it was allowed to fall to pieces and there is nothing left to show where it stood.

—The revenue officers made a raid in the South Mountains last week and captured a blockade still eighteen miles below Morganton on the Lower South Fork. They captured five men in the still house, three of whom were asleep. One of them made his escape. Those captured were Martin Hoyle, J. C. Gattis, Thomas Cook and John Cook. The prisoners had a hearing before Commissioner McKesson. Hoyle gave bond for his appearance at the Fall term of Statesville Federal Court. The other three, failing to give bond, were committed to jail for trial at the Spring term of the Federal Court.

—A solid train of vestibuled Pullman cars passed down the Western North Carolina Railroad one evening last week. There is a rumor in railroad circles to the effect that through vestibuled trains will soon be run regularly between Washington and Asheville. Certainly, the wonderful increase in travel over this road both winter and summer demands increased facilities. All during the past winter the Pullman sleepers going both North and South were crowded, the supply of berths being nearly always too small to supply the demand, and the prospects are that the stream of travel over this line will increase with every season.

—Mr. L. M. Scott informs us that last Saturday night an unoccupied dwelling house on the farm of Mrs. Polly Neill in Silver Creek township was burned by incediaries. The house was used temporarily as a place for storing roughness. Mr. Thomas Morrison, who passed the house just after nightfall saw a light in the building and a man walking around the house, but thinking that some one had moved into the place, he paid no attention to the circumstances. Shortly after this the house burned down. This occurred within about a mile and a half of the place where Mr. Barns' dwelling and out-houses were burned by incendiaries the past winter. Tracks around the Neill building indicated the presence of two incendiaries.

—A letter from H. M. Burford, President of the Bank of Commerce of Louisville, Ky., to S. T. Pearson, Cashier of the Piedmont Bank of Morganton, in speaking of the recent cyclone in that city says: "The work of clearing away the debris and repairing the damage is going ahead with surprising rapidity. At first it looked as though it was a comple destruction over a section of the city more than a mile in length and some four squares wide, and the sight was simply bewildering—buildings levelled, lumber, goods and timbers over everything, the streets impassible, and the remaining walls cracked and shaken. It develops, however, that the floors and walls protected the merchandise very greatly and almost all of it being recovered. This reduces the property loss to $2,000,000 or $2,500,000, and the mortality list is short of 100. No one could have supposed immediately after the disaster that the dead would number less than several hundred. The situation, bad as it is, presents a greatly less serious aspect than at first."

—THE HERALD of last week afforded a fresh instance of the power of the press. So thinks Capt. J. C. Wigginton, of the Bee Mountain Mining Company, who says he has been trying for ten years to get married without success, and who was startled last week at seeing in THE HERALD the statement that he had a wife and children in Louisville. It was his father and mother and not his wife and children about whose safety he was so anxious last week. Since THE HERALD has been guilty of marrying the Capt. off against his will, and for fear that some arrangements in the matrimonial line made by the Capt. himself may be interferred with, we hereby grant him a divorce from the bonds of matrimony against the suppositious wife in Louisville, and hope we may soon have the pleasure of announcing the name of the real Mrs. Wigginton. If THE HERALD has the power to marry a man off it should have equal power to annul the bands. The legal maxim, "*Eo legamini quo legatur*," undoubtedly justifies the course which we have hastened to pursue.

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IN CATAWBA'S FLOOD.

Three Men Make a Narrow Escape from Drowning.

Last Friday morning the Catawba river was booming. The rains of the day before had raised the stream about seven feet above low water mark, submerging all the low bridges. There was to be a meeting of the County Farmers' Alliance at Glen Alpine on this side of the Catawba, and a great many of the delegates were unable to get across. P. W. Patton the County Business Agent of the Alliance, and a party of twelve or thirteen delegates went to a canoe landing at the old Avery ford about four miles above Morganton and they all crossed the river in safety, leaving the canoe on this side of the stream. A short time after they crossed, Moulton Benfield, Alex Whistenant and Rev. Elam Whistenant, who were also on their way to the Alliance meeting, reached the crossing and finding that the canoe had been taken across the river they entered an old flat boat about forty feet long by twelve in width, which Mr. Hildebrand had been using in floating logs and lumber across the river. A rope had been stretched from bank to bank, and the three men each taking hold of this rope, attempted to pull the awkward craft across the swollen stream. The current was very swift and a stiff wind down the river sent the waves dashing over the side of the boat. They made very good headway until about two-thirds the distance across the stream, when the current and the wind became so strong that they were unable to pull the boat any nearer the bank, the slack rope having allowed them to drift some distance below the landing and the remaining distance being against the current. The three men struggled hard with the rope, and in their excitement all ran to one end of the boat, which began to dip water and sink. The weight of the three men and the sinking boat broke the rope at this juncture, and all were thrown into the water. The men had taken off their coats in the boat, and when it began sinking one of them bundled the coats together and threw them towards the bank. Benfield, who is a good swimmer, struck out for the bank, which he reached about forty feet below the landing. The Rev. Elam Whistenant was badly frightened, but managed to reach the bank after a desperate struggle with the current. Alex Whistenant retained his presence of mind, and as he left the sinking boat he seized the bundle of coats that was floating in the water and struck out shoreward with the coats under one arm, when the swift current suddenly wrapped the coats about his head and arms, rendering him powerless, and he was swept down the stream, sinking repeatedly beneath the water. He made frantic efforts to free himself from the clothing, which pinioned his arms and neck, and just before he lost consciousness succeeded, after being carried some forty yards under water, and finally he landed on an island several hundred feet below the landing, whence he was brought by his friends in a canoe. The hands of the three men were fearfully lacerated on the rope in their attempt to pull the boat out, and besides this and thier narrow escape from death, not to speak of the loss of their coats they are now threatened with a suit for the loss of the boat, which Hildebrand says they had no permission to enter. This looks like most trouble enough for one day.

Death of Mr. L. S. Crow.

Died at his residence in Morganton, on last Sunday night about 12 o'clock, Mr. L. S. Crow, aged about 45 years. Mr. Crow was a mute, a printer by trade, and about sixteen years ago married the deaf and dumb daughter of Ex-Sheriff Alex Duckworth of Burke county. Since his marriage he has worked at his trade in Morganton, Asheville and Lenoir. Last November he was employed in THE HERALD office, and he has worked steadily at his case since that time until last Saturday noon, when he complained of feeling unwell, and did not return in the afternoon. Mr. Crow had been for some time subject to attacks of asthma and rheumatism, and on Sunday night the rheumatism attacked his heart, his physicians say, and he died in a few minutes. He was buried in the town cemetary Tuesday morning, Rev. Mr. Bonner conducting the services. Mr. Crow has been a faithful and efficient employee in THE HERALD office for five months past. He was a fond father and a devoted husband, and his invalid wife and little children deserve the deepest sympathies of the community in their loss.

"The Poets and Poetry of the Bible."

A large audience assembled in the Court House Tuesday night to hear Mr. C. F. McKesson's lecture on the above subject. The speaker, whose reputation for elegant diction and graceful delivery is so well established, never did himself more credit than on Tuesday night. He had a fine subject and he handled it in a masterly way, bringing into play his superior powers of oratory, and embelishing his lecture with choice bits of classic lore. His lecture showed thorough study of the language and methods of the sacred poets, and his word pictures of Job, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, David, Solomon and Isaiah were the work of an artist. The lecture was well prepared and well delivered and was listened to with marked attention by the large audience.

PERSONAL POINTS.

The Comings and Goings of Some of Our People During the Week.

Mrs. J. A. Dickson has been visiting relatives in Winston.

Dr. J. R. Anderson has returned from a visit to Lincoln county.

Ralph Laxton came home from Knoxville to spend Easter Sunday.

Mr. John F. Sprague has been spending a few days in Morganton.

Prof. R. T. Claywell, of Piedmont Springs was in town Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Co. Chambers has been visiting her aunt in Statesville.

Judge Bynum is in Boone holding Watauga Superior Court this week.

Dr. I. P. Jeter has returned from a visit to his old home in Union, S. C.

Miss Charlotte Powe, of Cheraw, S. C., has been visiting at Mr. S. J. Ervin's.

Mr. Eug. D. Carter, of Asheville, was registered at the Hunt House on Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Avery, of Asheville, spent Monday and Tuesday in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sprague have returned from a visit to relatives in Greenville, S. C.

Will Hardin, now operator at Biltmore, spent Sunday with his father's family in Morganton.

Mrs. McEachern and daughter, Miss Celeste, of Wilmington, are visiting at Capt. L. A. Bristol's.

Miss Lila Dunavant, who has been attending Asheville Female College, came home last week on a visit.

Mr. Eugene A. Albee, of the Carolina Queen Mining Company, left Saturday fer a short visit to Boston, Mass.

Mr. G. V. Gilreath, of Asheville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Rev. C. L. Hoffmate, his old classmate and friend.

The familiar face of Capt. Boyd, of the North Carolina Pottery Works is again on our streets. He has been to Boston.

Rev. C. C. Brothers, now living at Granite Falls, Caldwell county, and Pastor of Caldwell Circuit, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Sallie Jones, of Richmond, Va., is in Morganton, having been called here by the sickness of her sister, Miss Cora Burgess.

Messrs. D. J. Hicks and E. B. Claywell left for Piedmont Springs Tuesday. They will try the mountain trout streams before they return.

A VOODOO PRIESTESS,

Who Guarantees Acquittal to Colored Criminals at $10 a Head.

While Sheriff Webb was standing in the court square one day last week talking to a party of friends he was accosted by a negro woman named Rachel Shade, and requested to step into the Court House corridor. Here she requested the sheriff to witness what she was doing, while she solemnly took from a niche above the door a small bundle of red rags, which she reverentially unfolded, revealing a few small roots, and then looking the Sheriff square in the face she said:—"Yer seed dem rags, did yer boss?" The Sheriff assented. "Yer seed what Ise done wid em?" He had to admit that he did. "You can stan aside," she concluded, with a majestic wave of her ebon hand, and she made a bee line for the law office of Mr. S. J. Ervin, leaving the Sheriff mystified and feel like the man the calf ran over, while the bystanders joined in a hearty laugh at his expense.

In lawyer Ervin's office she disclosed the object of her visit to be the institution of a suit for damages against a certain colored sorceress who had induced her to pay $5 upon a guarantee that she would make Pick Carlton, a gentleman of color charged with the larceny of corn, "come clear," and that upon the payment of the money the sorceress had put the package of roots over the Court House door, and said it would fix the matter. She said that friends of Joe Boone and dug Moore, charged with murder, had paid the same woman $10 for each of the defendants on a similar guarantee. Boone and Moore were acquitted, but Pick was convicted and sent to the penitentiary for three years, though able counsel had been retained to assist the Voodoo woman in his defense. She insists that she was greatly damaged by this failure, and that nothing but a suit would satisfy her. She was referred to a justice of the peace, and it is likely that this important matter will be settled by the courts at an early day. If the trial comes off, THE HERALD will have a reporter present to report the expert testimony as to the mystic power of voodooism.

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