

LOCAL NEWS.

Local Passenger Schedule W. H. G. R. E.
GOING WEST.
No. 9 passes Morganton..... 2:30 A. M.
No. 11..... 3:30 P. M.
GOING EAST.
No. 12 passes Morganton..... 4:45 P. M.
No. 10..... 5:15 A. M.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Taken by Dr. C. E. Ross, at Western N. C. Insane Asylum, Morganton, N. C.

For week ending Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1891.

	Temperature.	Humid- ity.				
	men rain- fall.	men rain- fall.				
	1 a.m.	3 p.m.	9 p.m.			
Jan. 14.	25	54	42	87	3	0
15.	26	55	43	88	6	0
16.	24	34	37	90	6	17
17.	26	38	38	90	6	05
18.	35	53	51	93	6	0
19.	23	58	46	91	6	0
20.	31	58	45	93	3	0
Mean.	28	54	43	88	4	1.22 inches

PHENOMENA.
Frost on the 14th; snow 2.75 inches
on the 16th; frost on the 19th.
*Rain and melted snow.

The absence of the editor is our excuse for any shortcomings of this issue.

—Married in Gilboa church, January 5th, 1891, Mr. David Hennessy to Miss Ann W. Rudisel, all of Burke, J. N. Payne officiating.

—Mr. J. C. Landieau of Washington, D. C., is at the Hunt House. We understand that he is prospecting for Gold in this section of country.

—Married by Rev. H. D. Lequeux, Jan. 15, 1891, at the residence of Mr. H. A. Weber, Mr. E. Bush and Miss Mintz Present, all of Morganton.

—Capt. Gordon the enterprising agent of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Insurance Co., of New York has written up policies aggregating over \$10,000 within the past week. Some of the most substantial citizens of our county are insured in his company.

—Mr. Joseph B. Brittan, an aged and highly respected citizen of Burke, died at his home about 3 miles south of Morganton, on Tuesday, January 20th. He was for a number of years sheriff of Burke county and filled the office to the entire satisfaction of all. In fact his life was without a blemish. The funeral services will take place at Providence church to-day at 12 o'clock.

—The Honorable Thos. S. Bigelow, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has purchased from Mr. Marvin F. Scaife, a portion of the beautiful Catawba river front near Morganton. Mr. Bigelow has recently taken a big block of stock in the Morganton Land and Improvement Company, and is now a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Bigelow is ex-City Attorney of Pittsburgh, and we are informed, is a large holder of stock in several of Pittsburgh's largest corporations. We are glad to see such capitalists as Mr. Bigelow investing in Morgan-ton really.

—The Springfield (Mo.) Republican has the following announcement of the marriage of Mr. E. J. Williams, son of Mr. Richard Williams, of Morganton: "Mr. Ed. J. Williams, the efficient telegraph operator, formerly with the Western Union of this city, was married to Miss Linnia, youngest daughter of Mrs. N. T. Pollard at No. 216 south Campbell street, this city, in the parlors of the union depot hotel at Kansas City, on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, after which the happy couple departed for the south." The HERALD's congratulations and best wishes follow them.

—The accident which occurred on Monday morning to the east-bound and west-bound passenger trains on the Western North Carolina R. R., we learn, was caused by the telegraph operator at Hickory, who it is supposed, in copying the orders to train No. 9, wrote Bridgewater when he should have written Glen Alpine as the meeting point. Train No. 10 had orders to meet and pass at Glen Alpine. The accident took place just east of Bridgewater on a comparatively level stretch of track and the engineers of both trains saw the other train in time to check their speed and thus prevent what otherwise would have been a very disastrous accident. No one was seriously injured, however baggage master Bocock having his head cut in being thrown against his car. The passengers were given a lively shaking up. The track was blocked and the running of trains delayed for several hours.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

The Situation, History, Climate, Soil, Productions and Prospects.

General Merchants

I. I. DAVIS.

is the oldest merchant in the town and one of the most prosperous. He began business on borrowed capital in the year 1868, in a small store room, which stood just below the present Piedmont Building. In 1876 he took his younger brother into partnership and till 1889 the firm was I. I. Davis and Brother. At that time Mr. B. F. Davis retired and went into business on his own account.

Mr. Davis owes his success, and it has been a notable one, solely to his own industry, foresight and penetration. From a small beginning he has accumulated a comfortable fortune and established himself permanently in the confidence of the community. Several of the most enterprising of our younger business men have taken their first lessons in trade behind his counter, among them Mr. T. I. Gillam, J. L. Anderson, B. F. Davis, W. H. Pearson.

His present force of salesmen consists of Mr. C. M. Jarrett, Mr. Frank Gillam and Mr. Pat Hennessy.

This firm carries chiefly dry goods, carpets and house-keepers goods, shoes, hats, etc.

DICKSON, TATE AND WILSON.

This firm was organized in 1887, and consists of Mr. John A. Dickson, S. McI. Tate and J. W. Wilson—all of them sound business men.

They do a large and growing business and have abundant capital behind them. Their line is general merchandise.

Messrs. H. A. Howard, J. C. Halliburton and Robert McConaughay are their ever ready and attentive employees and the purchaser need not complain of any lack of variety from which to choose in their large and well selected stock.

MCKENZIE AND TURNER.

Some men are born merchants and of this number is Mr. Donald McKenzie, senior member of this firm.

A long and exact training has made him familiar with the best business methods; while the genial nature and staunch popularity of his partner, Mr. Gray Turner comes in to make this one of the leading stands of the county's trade.

Their line of merchandize is a general one and they are large buyers of country produce, having among their customers some of the largest farmers of Burke.

J. M. HUFFMAN & CO.

This firm is made up of Mr. Samuel Huffman, Frederick and Abel Huffman. Mr. Pink Hildbrand is chief clerk, and a good one he is too, as every one knows that knows him. They carry a general line of goods, consisting of all the staple articles of merchandise and have a fine cast.

The town owes much of its improvement to the Huffman brothers, who in proportion to means, have perhaps done more building than can be credited to any other person or firm in the place. And the style of their work is costly and permanent not trashy and for to-day.

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They deserve and receive a good support.

J. N. PAYNE.
Last, but by no means least is the firm of J. N. Payne, who has the only store on Green street, and gets a good trade. He carries a variety of goods and has a reliable custom.

JAMES BEACH
at the foot of Sterling street and fronting the Western North Carolina Railroad, keeps a variety store and catches his share of the floating trade.

FROM RALEIGH.

The Governor's Reception, Constitutional Convention of the General Assembly—Salaries of Superior Court Judges—Public Printing—The Majority of the Senate Judiciary Committee are not Lawyers for the time being in the History of N. C.—The Bill to pay Solicitors an Annual Salary—The Bill Introduced.

Special Correspondence of THE HERALD.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19th, 1891.

—Senator Vance was re-elected yesterday. The vote stood, Vance 123, Prichard 20, Dockery 1.

At the Democratic caucus last night Josephus Daniels was nominated for state printer by acclamation.

The price of the state printing has not been fixed, though it is understood that a bill will be introduced requiring the state printer to let the contract to the lowest bidder, the state printer to receive as his compensation a per cent. of the gross amount expended.

The bill to amend the charter of Morganton, which passed the Senate some days ago, has not been called up in the House.

The Burke County Alliance has forwarded a petition protesting against any enlargement of the corporate limits.

The Railroad Commission bill was introduced yesterday. It is substantially the same as the House bill of two years ago and will undoubtedly pass. W. C. E.

From Glen Alpine.

GLEN ALPINE, N. C., Jan. 12, 1891.

Well! well!! well!!! what next?

I am just getting over a fright. I was walking across "Broadway," the second Sunday inst. when I ran right into the presence of Mr. Charlie Berry. He looked me, it seemed, through and through. O, how I felt! I know that I showed guilt. It seemed to me that there was "blood in his eyes"—that he knew that I had written confidentially to you and the readers of your paper about his being here and his business. But he passed us by, with a good natured "good-evening." Just at this point the west-bound train rolled in and Charlie bid his—adieu, stepped aboard the train and was gone.

Your correspondent feels sorry

for the Republicans in this Legislature. They are doing so earthly good, and they might as well go back home. They look like a small squadron of foreigners set down among this large body of Democrats. By casting your eye over the assembly you can easily spot every republican in the crowd. They wear a sullen expression on their faces. They really look sad and out of place here and your correspondent believes they feel just so.

A LATER LETTER.

Superior Court-Judges Salaries—A Bill Relative to Interest—A Railroad Commission Bill—A Dog Law Measure—Senate U. S. Senator.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 20, 1891.

In speaking of the Superior Court Judges in our letter of yesterday, we stated that the purpose of the bill, most likely to be enacted, provided for a reduction of salary. We were in error here. There have been several bills introduced, all looking to the same end; namely to prohibit Judges and state officers from using free passes over the Railroads; but we learn later, and are pleased to state that no reduction of salary is contemplated.

Embodied in this bill to prohibit use of free passes by State officials, is a clause, which provides for the payment by the State, of all their necessary traveling expenses.

A very interesting matter comes up for consideration in the Senate to-day. A bill providing for the repeal of the existing law, allowing the collection of more than 6 per cent. interest, Mr. Williams of Pitt champions the measure. He has introduced the same bill for the last six (6) years.

We shall keep the readers of THE HERALD posted in regard to this measure, as it is of much importance to the people. It is an open question of debate, whether or not this is a proper time to enact such a law. It might result in causing the holders of mortgages, who otherwise would renew them, to foreclose them.

A Railroad Commission bill, for which the people have been devoutly wishing, and indeed, a measure which they have demanded, will be created by this Assembly. During the past week a caucus, improperly called by some of the State papers, an Alliance caucus, has been held every night, for the purpose of considering by sections a commission bill. This caucus is confined exclusively to those who advocate the passage of the measure. They are going slow, carefully framing a bill that will meet the requirements, and that will serve to adjust all wrong discriminations by the railroads.

Another measure, which will be considered by this Legislature, and a problem that every Legislature, from time immemorial, has wrestled with, is a dog law, for the protection of sheep husbandry. The best suggestion that we have yet heard is to tax all female dogs, say \$1.00 each. If a law like this is passed, quantities of inferior dogs would be driven out of existence, and the result would be disadvantageous.

Promptly at 12 o'clock to-day, both branches of the Legislature went into an election of a U. S. Senator, Z. B. Vance and J. C. Prichard were put in nomination. In the Senate the vote stood Vance 40, Prichard