



LOCAL NEWS.

Church Directory. Rev. J. M. Rose will preach at Quaker Meadow Presbyterian church on the fifth Sunday in this month at 11 o'clock.

Green, S. C., arrived in town last week and are visiting at Mr. M. Silver's. Mrs. J. B. S. McIntosh and Miss Minnie left on Friday for Waynesville, where they will spend a few weeks.

Miss Kate Pearson, who has been spending the past month at Carolina Beach, returned home last week. Kemp P. Battle, president of the University, is visiting at Maj. J. W. Wilson's.

Mr. Walter Brem has gone to Charlotte for a few days. Mrs. Laxton and Miss Kitty returned home on Friday after a delightful visit to Asheville.

Mr. J. C. McDowell returned to town on Saturday. Messrs. J. F. Sprague and H. P. Collins left Monday for a fish in the mountains.

Rev. E. P. Green returned last week from a visit to his old home. Mr. Mountcastle, of Lexington, spent Sunday with his wife, who is visiting at Mrs. D. C. Pearson's.

We saw from the Wilmington Star where Dr. G. I. White had passed through that city en route for Carolina Beach on last Thursday.

Mrs. John Cilley is visiting her old home in Hickory. Miss Brissette, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Evans, on West Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. Boulware, of Cincinnati, are boarding at Mrs. R. L. McConaughy's. Mrs. Johnnie Johnson, who has been visiting at Capt. G. P. Erwin's, left Friday for Danville.

Messrs. J. L. Anderson, S. M. McDowell, Bob Claywell and John Griggs returned on Friday from a delightful fishing excursion. Misses Corinne Erwin and Nannie Johnson left on Tuesday for Danville.

Messrs. J. R. Ervin and E. F. Reid returned on Monday from a trip to Blowing Rock. Mrs. Holt, of Lexington, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Pearson.

Mrs. Leak left on Monday for Connelly Springs, where she will spend a few days. Mr. W. H. Pearson has just finished his new tennis court on Green street, and the young people are enjoying it to the fullest.

Mrs. S. W. Steele, of Rockingham, is visiting her father, Rev. J. H. Page. Mr. Smith, quite a popular young drummer from Richmond, was in town this week.

Mr. Derr Boger left Tuesday for a visit to friends in Statesville. Miss Hattie Patton, of Asheville, is visiting the Misses Walton.

Miss Sudie Pressnell left on Saturday for Asheville, where she will visit Miss Blanche Weaver. Mr. Banks Lequeux, of Popular Tent, is visiting Mr. Cam Pearson.

Miss Clara Kincaid is visiting friends at Waynesville, Dillsboro and Murphy. Mrs. Mamie Erwin, of Fonta Flora, left Tuesday for an extended visit to friends and relatives in Charlotte and Shelby.

Miss Lou Bond has moved into her lovely new home on West Union street. Mr. John L. Kean, the popular salesman for Armstrong, Cater & Co., was in town this week.

Mr. Hutchison, of Hurst, Purnell & Co., is at the Walton House. Maj. and Mrs. Hayes, of the U. S. A., have just returned from a delightful trip to Blowing Rock. They are stopping at the Walton House.

Mr. Tom Stringfield, from Waynesville, who has been visiting Mr. Alphonso Avery, left on Tuesday. On last Friday the lawn of Dr. John Tull, on West Union street, was one blaze of light, and never was there a scene more lovely. The occasion was a "Gipsy Tea" given by the Kings Daughters of the Presbyterian church.

The young ladies who served the refreshments were attired in Gipsy costumes which made them more beautiful (if this could be) than usual, and they added a charm to the evening which made the entertainment a perfect success.

Letter from Joy. Joy P. O. Burke Co., N. C., July 17, 1893. To the Editor of The Herald: Please give space in your valuable paper for a few items from the land of Joy, and let the people know that it has not blown from existence.

We are not possessed of as much of the "filthy lucre" as our Irish Creek brothers, but kind Providence makes up the deficiency with valuable roots and herbs, consequently two merchants are doing a rushing business. We have the finest church this side of Morganton, and our Baptist brethren show their religion by their works.

We will say in regard to the election that our big man Cleveland and Bower and Hoffman will do all they promised, although, according to one of your correspondents, their success was partly due to "five cent Democrats."

W. L. DULA. The Richmond & Danville tickets which will permit holders to return via Niagara Falls. These tickets read via the most direct and best equipped lines, via Detroit, Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls and Washington, affording a quicker and more pleasant journey than via any other route. For full information, address agents of the Richmond & Danville R. R.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Salem, N. C., will be at the leading hotel in Morganton on Wednesday, August 2nd, for that one day only. Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Rev. C. A. Tron, the pastor of the Waldensian Church at San Germano Chisone, Italy, who accompanied the Burke county Waldensian colony to their new home and became President of the Valdesse Corporation, sailed on July 27th from New York. Dr. Tron, during his short stay in North Carolina, made many warm friends, who hope to see him return to make his home in North Carolina. Just before sailing Dr. Tron sent THE HERALD the following card:

To the Editor of The Herald: Generally Italy is sending to the United States a bad lot of emigrants, who cannot identify themselves with the American people, and who stay abroad a few years and go back again. We understand perfectly well why the Italian flag is not always respected and honored, when represented by troublesome men, always too ready with the knife.

There is however a great difference between Italians and Italians. Those who are going to the Argentine Republic are totally different in business. I hope that the Waldensians who came lately to North Carolina, in Burke county, will be also of a different type. They are in Italy considered as the best citizens—patriotic, obedient to the law and sober. The qualities they have abroad, they will have here, and no doubt they will bring with them chiefly the spirit of their fathers and ancestors—that is to say, loyalty to their new country and faithfulness to God. If they are constant to their motto, "the light is shining in darkness"—lux lucet in tenebris—they will be a good element for the State.

As I go back to Italy myself, after having brought here my people, let me say freely what I saw and what I feel about the New World. America has a great future, and no doubt in a few years will be at the head of all nations, by its population, energy, progress, and, I hope, also, by its faith in God. The great work going on, the strong feeling against infidelity and desecration of the Sabbath are sufficient to show that the religious current is prevailing and will preserve the States against the worldly spirit, and against Romanism, which is a dreadful danger in Europe, and even here, if not watched and stopped in time. May God preserve the States against a church ruling the country, and may America keep to the great principle of the Italian leader, "libera chiesa in libero stato"—free church in free state.

I go back to Italy entirely satisfied, after having found in North Carolina, and chiefly in Burke county and in Asheville, a very healthy country, a splendid climate, good land and a very kind population. I will never forget the kindness of the Old Dominion Steamship Co., the managers of the Richmond & Danville R. R., and of the Morganton Land & Improvement Co., all of whom have done everything for settling comfortably the Waldensians at Valdesse. Though dealing with men not used to business, they treated us in the most kind way. I have found in the population of Morganton, namely Springs and Danville, country Christians, ready to help us and to give us courage. I hope that we will succeed and show to them our deepest gratitude. I am sure we brought with us that spirit of gratefulness which has never been in lack among the Waldensians, who have always had the heartfelt sympathy of the Christian churches.

I go back to Italy, but with the purpose of sending more of our people to North Carolina, and elsewhere if necessary. Here they are quite safe and there is plenty of room for everybody. I know they will be surrounded by friends and, by the power of religious spirit, they will be free from dangers. A pastor will be their leader and teacher at the same time and no doubt he will be happy as I have been myself in dealing with such men as Mr. Sherrill, Dr. Abernethy, Mr. Ross and Mr. Campbell. Many thanks to you all, dear friends. My best wishes for your work and for your country.

They do not with my wife, the ladies of Morganton have been exceedingly good towards me, and my people, and I am sure they will do all they can for our colony. We want a church, and a school, and no doubt all that will be completed very soon. Chiefly if the ladies are taking the matter in their always successful hands, and it will be so.

Italy has given to the world a Columbus, who has been in the hands of the Lord the instrument for discovering America. May now Italy give to America faithful citizens, faithful Christians, knowing that America will be always happy to get such an element, and may be so for the Waldensians.

C. A. TRON. A Story has been published about the discovery of an ice quarry in Scott county, Va., where they have to do it cut out the ice in great big chunks, while nature runs the ice factory. But a West Virginia man lays over with a story of a spring in his State the water of which is several degrees below freezing point, but never freezes. When the people around there want ice they fill a bucket with water, some it in the spring and tote home a bucket of sure enough ice. And when they want ice cream they just mix up the cream and trimmings, chuck the stuff into the spring and have it a spring like that. There is some out in a State which has such daisy springs, or such looming liars.—Wilmington Star.

Everyone found walking the streets of Charlotte after midnight will hereafter be compelled to answer the query by the police of "Who goes there" and tell the cause of his nocturnal rambles.

Table Rock, July 18. Mr. Ferguson, of Dallas, is having his property improved on Main street. Prof. W. W. Patton, of Morganton, was in town last week on business. Miss Leola Atkins, of Newwood, is visiting friends in the city. She is the guest of the Misses Dale. Miss Mary Lou Kincaid left Monday to teach near Mr. Todd McGinnis's. We wish her much success. Our popular young friend, Mr. Parks Nantz, is visiting his parents and friends. Mr. John Nantz has been sick for some time, but we are glad to note that he is able to entertain his friends when they go to see him. "Uncle Bartlett" is still on the floor. Any lady wishing to make a trade will do well to see him before she decides. A nice little party of interesting young ladies and gentlemen leave to-day for Linville Falls. Friends join them at Fosta Flora. They anticipate a nice time. The postoffice seems to be the biggest item, having an unusual number of applicants, but it is generally conceded that it will be awarded to our popular merchant, Mr. J. L. Sisk. The school at this place will open about the 15th of August. We are expecting a large number of students. The young people from the malarial districts will do well to come here. The people live so long that no one knows how old they are, and when they die they die on the headstone 35 or 40 years of age. The only thing you can hear now when you meet a man, is hot and dry. I do wish it would rain; the garden stuff and other "sass" is plain dried up. It is an order like "Short Off"—little fish should stay near the shore, so guess I had better stop for the present. We want to hear of a "Short Off" and "R. N. H. K." With best wishes for THE HERALD, I am Yours respectfully, TABLE ROCK.

NEWS OF THE STATE. News of Interest from North Carolina. Dr. J. W. Long, of Hillsboro, N. C., has been unanimously elected to the chair of Diseases of Women and Children in the Medical College of Virginia. A homicide occurred Sunday on Savannah creek in Jackson county, five miles from Webster. Two men named Morgan and Estes got into a fight which ended by Morgan stabbing Estes. One stroke of his knife broke one of Estes' ribs and severed his lungs. He died in a short time. Preparations are making for the biggest camp meeting at Rock Spring this year that has ever been held there. They have engaged the services of Evangelist Lee for eight days and much interest is being manifested in the meeting. The meeting will begin on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August.—Newton Enterprise.

An engineer on the Atlantic Coast Line took an appalling risk a few days ago. Bounding a sharp curve south of Halifax, Engineer Taylor saw a large tree had fallen directly across the track. It was to late to stop the train, so he put on all steam and dashed upon it. The tree was cut in two and the train rushed on unharmed. It was a most daring thing, but saved his passengers and train. T. A. Dance, who owns a small furniture store in Salisbury, has been arrested and put in jail on the charge of setting fire to his property. The fire started in a barrel of rubbish, coal, straw, &c., which someone had been from a neighbor. The flames were quickly extinguished before any damage was done. The stock of goods was of the value of \$200, on which insurance to the amount of \$500 had been obtained.—Salisbury Herald.

From the Charlotte News we learn that the gang of burglars who for some time past have been operating in that city, have all been arrested and are now in jail. Their leader was a negro named Charley McLaughlin. He had visited Blacksburg, S. C., and while there had broken into five private residences and one depot. The Charlotte authorities were apprized of his acts and on his return last Sunday week, arrested him. He made a full confession. Three of his confederates were also arrested and committed to jail. Mr. M. D. Miller was showing last week a bunch of wheat which came from one grain. He pulled it up where the wheat was thin and had a good chance to spread. There were 21 tall stalks with long well filled heads. As he was showing it around, people began to guess about the number of grains in the bunch. The general opinion was that there were at least 200 grains. This would be a yield of 500 bushel and would seem almost unreasonably. So it was determined to shell it out and count it. It panned out exactly 1696 grains. If all wheat would turn out this way it would take very little seed to make a crop.—Newton Enterprise.

Monday afternoon while Boggs, Hunt & Co. were threshing wheat at Mr. Noland Hunt's, a spark from the engine fell in a bunch of old straw by the side of a stack of wheat, and in an instant the flame covered the whole stack. The threshersman barely succeeded in getting the machine out of the way. All the wheat remaining unthreshed, about 350 bushels was consumed. The engine, we learn, was out of fix. It has always been a surprise to most people that more fires have not been caused by these steam threshers, but this is the first one we have heard of in the county. Everything now is so very dry that the danger is greater this year than usual.—Newton Enterprise.

OUR RAILROAD COMMISSION. THREE FIVE WORK. Raleigh, N. C., July 27. The railway commission, which always does such excellent work, last week attended to some special important matters. It fixed a rate of rental of telephones. Beyond question the rates have been too high, and the result has been that the use of this very valuable invention has been far too limited. In a few years people will expect amusement at the present slight use, outside of cities, of so great a labor-saving apparatus. The commission has reduced the rate about one-third on telephones. The commission devoted three days to the hearing of complaints by railway regarding the assessment of their property; the commission being the board of assessors. There were few complaints, so fairly and fully had the work been done. The rate on the "Three C's" railway was reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,000 per mile, upon certification by the president that the road's expenses exceed its income to the amount of \$5,000 a month. The commission had received a return from the Wilmington and Weldon road in which various spur tracks, etc., was given as side-tracks and were assessed at the same rate as the main line. The commission allows the return to be assessed on that regular side-tracks, as distinct from the main line under that head. The railroad railway now extends from Goldsboro to Smithfield. It is all that was ever constructed of a very ambitious line which that famous adventurer, William J. Best, proposed to build from Goldsboro to Charlotte or via Salisbury. This road does not pay expenses. It is assessed at \$2,000 a mile. The Johnson county people desire \$2,000 to be the rate. Mr. Wilson a few days ago inspected the road. The Northern and North Georgia railways, which has thirteen miles of track in this State, has applied for a reduction of assessment. 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