

IN AND AROUND ROCKWELL.

Old Dick Sends in Some Newsy Items From his Neighborhood.

James Trexler has moved into our town. Glad to have him with us.

Mrs. A. A. Trexler had a big quilting today Thursday. They had a nice time. Old Dick was there and enjoyed the fun.

Miss Flora Brown visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Linker, one day this week.

Come on Bro. Zeke, I think you are all O. K., in what you say. Give it to 'em.

The Rockwell school will continue one month yet. They have decided to have their entertainment at the close of school.

Charlie Linker, and sister Katie of Concord, were visiting in our town last week.

Bro. Bartlette seems to think Bro. Lee has taken his place. Now Bros. we are glad to hear from both of you. Hope Bart will send in news more regularly.

Bro. Lee was over on this side of the world one day last week to have his wool clipped for Easter. I wonder what is up?

George Lyerly, formerly of Faith, is in our town for a few months.

W. G. Newman and Miss Sadie Jenkins, of Gold Hill, visited our town this week. They were the guests of J. V. Baringer.

Mrs. T. J. Palmer, who has been at the sanitarium for some time, has returned home very much improved.

OLD DICK.

Symbol of the Easter Egg.

When the nations of the West, or Europe, were converted to Christianity, the sentiment of the egg was universally accepted as a suggestive symbol of their faith in the risen Saviour, and it has ever since remained the most favored figure of the eastern festivities all over the continent. The children who rule heart and home of mankind, are doubtless responsible for the keeping alive of this old custom, for they love and demand the visit of the rabbit, with his nest of beautiful eggs, on the glad Easter morn, just as they love and long for the coming of dear old Santa on Christmas eve.—Pittsburg dispatch.

The Lesson Taught by Congress.

The Fifty-seventh congress, in spite of failure in the performance of duty, has, nevertheless, indirectly served the people. Its record proves that a change in the majority control of congress is imperative if the people's will is to prevail. Voters have been taught that the trust control the republican party. Anti-trust legislation, tariff revision and a wise and profitable reciprocity must come through democratic success at the polls. The effect of this teaching should exercise a compelling influence in next year's election.—St. Louis Republic.

A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around him expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs and Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

WESTWARD HO!

A Large Party of Emigrants Leave Asheville for the West.

Asheville, March 20.—The biggest emigrant party that ever left this section of the country at one time, departed from Asheville this afternoon. There was about 200 persons in the party. Most of them will go to Idaho and Washington. The average price paid for a ticket by the emigrants was \$50. The outlay for expenditure. Railroad passenger agents from all over the west were here yesterday and today soliciting their share of the patronage. The depot platform represented an interesting spectacle as the crowds surged back and forth as they waited the time of departure. Old men, aspiring and ambitious youths, women with babies in their arms—all were awaiting with anxious faces the departure of the special train that would bear them on their journey to the "new country."—Special to Raleigh Post.

Dutch Creek.

We are having some warm weather.

The best thing that has happened for the county, as well as the State, is that the legislature has adjourned, and State bonds are for sale. We guess it will be county bonds next. What is the country coming to any how? If they keep on we will have to appoint a receiver for the State. The Watts bill is a farce, and the Morgan township thing is a myth. Give the State another such a legislature and it will look like 30 cents with a hole punched through it.

I hope Old Josh and his antagonist will soon fight out the liquor question.

Dr. Hood is fixing up a reply to a statement that was made about him some time ago, to the effect that he could carry 150 pounds of flour 3 miles through rain and mud. He says he can carry 200 pounds a mile better. That is more than I thought.

I see Bart and Lee are chewing the rag, so to speak. Both are good rag chewers, hard old cases. I'm sorry for Bart that Lee gobbled up his news. Poor fellow, he is in a critical condition, and about to go to "construction," as one of the debaters said the other night.

Charlie Misenheimer will have a rat killing at his residence the first rainy day, and I hope he will have good luck. He brought 4 bushels of corn to the mill that the rats had shelled for him.

Lawson Poole has made his orchard prohibition by trimming it out just a little so it will hang on better.

Ivy Morgan will plant corn next week if it don't snow.

Since the township is dry people are hunting for roof beer. I expect the next legislature will have to do a little to regulate the the roof beer.

ZEKE.

Created a Sensation.

Paris, March 20.—A sensation was created in the theatre by Sarah Bernhardt last night at the end of the performance "Werther," when Paule De Martigny, the authoress, attempted to swallow laudanum and then shot herself in her box. Her daughter had previously substituted blank cartridges in the revolver. The authoress was removed to Hotel Dieu hospital and is suffering from the effects of the poison.

FROM GOLD KNOB.

Lee Comes to the Front With a Batch of Interesting Items.

The farmers are plowing for corn and cotton, and getting in shape to plant potatoes.

Peach trees are blooming, but it is feared that the cold weather will hurt them.

The health of the community is generally good.

Lewis M. Agner, of Oraven, died Saturday evening.

Henry Wilhelm and Miss Edith Cauble visited Henry Morgan Saturday night.

The Gold Knob base ball team will soon reorganize and elect new officers.

There will be a rat killing at C. W. Misenheimer's on Good Friday, April 10th. The public is invited to come. Please bring your cats.

There was an old time chopping at J. H. Misenheimer's last Saturday evening.

There was a mistake in our last communication, about the picnic at the Gold Knob schoolhouse. It was afterwards postponed till a later date. Next time we will wait until the picnic is over, and then write about it.

There is a lot of talk about good roads and issuing bonds. The only bond issue we favor is that of matrimonial bonds, to take effect about Easter, then we will vote.

Bro. Bartlette has, as he says, got his dates mixed, or he never had any. It has been several months since he wrote for the TRUTH-INDEX, and now he wants to bring in and write the news from that time on. Now our brother is talking about fighting a duel. Bro. we don't need any duel. All that will be done will be two blows passed, I hit you, and you hit the ground. He says furthermore that Gold Knob is not my native home. It is not the city of my birth, but it has been my home for the past years and I truly hope that it may be in the future. Yes, I know where my native home is, but I didn't come here writing a history of my life free gratis, and will not go away thus. He is also quoted as saying that he can keep out of the way of an ordinary foe, but that Lee rides in the ships that pass in the night, and has no beacon light to warn him of his approach. This of course, might be true, but when we ride the ships at night and reach our destination, we enter by the front door and not by the window, nor do we take up our abode in the tool house. How 'bout dat Honey? Now brother, see the mark and think twice before speaking once.

Miss Kate Bartlette, the young black colt owned by Bartlette, who will celebrate her 23rd anniversary some time in April, escaped from her room and paid a visit to a near neighbor's house. In the meantime Bartlette was coming to, after arriving, blowing like the exhaust from a locomotive. Between blows of an enormous size he asked "where is my Darty?" and after submitting a few remarks he succeeded in catching her, and after beating the stars out of her head he returned home.

The large bear that Bro. Bartlette spoke about has been captured and the prize was awarded last Sunday evening. Guess who got the prize. Now you keep your five dollars for other use, you lead-footed dead beat.

Zeke, your walnuts had hard shells, and we couldn't get the seeds out, unless they are your photos you have been taking.

Watch your peach trees, the birds are destroying the bloom. LEE.

THE FLOODED SECTION.

Level of the River has Been Reached—the Worst is Probably Over.

Today's reports from the flooded sections of Arkansas are more favorable, and for this reason the failure of the passage through the crevasse of the relief tug, was not taken with much disappointment. The Frisco railroad succeeded in running a relief train today to Marion, from the west, but passengers declined to leave their homes, as they take no pleasure in being in no danger for the present. It is also reported that all live stock there is being well cared for and food is sufficient. Passengers from the water bound trains across the river were taken over to the city today. No repairs have been made in the washed out tracks, and no forecast can be made as to when traffic may be resumed to the west. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad has resumed through operations over its own line to New Orleans, from Lake View, a transfer boat having been put in service between this city and that point. There were no startling developments in the flood situation in the Memphis territory today, and all conditions generally are assuming a favorable attitude, except along the levees in Arkansas, north of the break at Trice's Landing.—Memphis dispatch.

Why the Patriarchs Lived so Long.

The old patriachs had no duns or notes coming due, or taxes. They were not concerned with lawyers or doctors or society matters or politics. Apparently they had no small vices and no trouble in keeping their large ones out of the newspaper. They did not have to contend with the freight departments of railroads for their daily bread, and were in no danger of losing their jobs or having their business destroyed by a trust or ruined by a shrewder rival. They did not have to resist insurance agents, labor to keep customers in good humor, study the servant girl problem, or trouble about the condition of the road. No wonder they were willing to live to be nine hundred years old and did it.—Richmond News Leader.

A Thing that Went Wrong.

George and Cyrus Hardecastle, the sons of an honest and industrious harness maker in Allentown, Pa. began life with equal prospects for success.

When they had completed their course at the public schools their father, sent them to college. George was studious and painstaking, and after finishing his college course decided to enter the ministry.

Cyrus cared little for study. He devoted himself to athletics and became the star pitcher of the college baseball team.

George is now pastor of a large congregation in Philadelphia at a salary of \$5,000 a year and Cyrus makes his living by working in a livery stable with an occasional lift from George.

Sometimes it turns out that way.—Chicago Tribune.

EVERY CHURCH or institution supported by voluntary contribution will be given a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martinez Pure Paints whenever they paint.

NOTE: Have done so for twenty seven years. Sales: Tens of millions of gallons; painted nearly two millions houses under guarantee to repaint if not satisfactory: The paint wears for periods up to eighteen years. Linseed oil must be added to the paint. (dye in two minutes). Actual test then about \$1.25 a gallon. Samples free. Sold by our Agents. Rowan Hardware Co. 2-8 2m.

CALLS LEE DOWN.

Reader Branch Correspondent Thinks he is not Accurate.

The wheat is looking fine in this neighborhood.

Farmers have not been able to do much plowing yet.

There was great excitement in this neighborhood last Wednesday when the old man returned from Salisbury without his woman. Everybody expected a free exhibition. Some had got plow wheels, some traps and horns, others bells, but all were fooled. The worst of all was that the preacher had been summoned to perform the ceremony, and he was fooled also. Alas! the old man has been sick ever since.

Joseph Eagle has been on the sick list the past week, with a severe attack of heart trouble.

There was quarterly conference at Liberty M. E. church Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. Lee seems to shoot wide of the mark when he says that Wesley Moreland was coming up the road by way of Reader Branch. The gent Bro. Lee refers to must have been Bro. Lee himself. We never heard of any other fellow getting into such a predicament as he describes, but we did hear that Bro. Lee was going along and as he was passing a certain haunted place his horse shied and refused to pass, and as he preferred death to passing, and backed into a mud hole and was smothered. Lee escaped without serious injury, but the neighbors had to prize him out of the mud.

FOR SALE: Retail shoe business, well established trade. Stock inventories about \$3,000. Reason for selling, other business. Address Box 79, Salisbury, N. C. St.

Notes for Beekeepers.

Basswood stands next to clover as a honey producer.

Foundation for the brood combs may be made of the darkest wax. If a hive becomes daubed with propolis lift out the frames and place them in a new hive.

Hives should be made so that they can be opened without jarring, as sudden jars are very irritating to bees.

Under ordinary conditions bees will make more honey in ordinary frames than they will in section boxes.

There is nothing in the world that will keep worms from getting into bee hives except the kind of bees that will keep them out.

Pollen is gathered by bees for the purpose of feeding their young broods, and is carried to the hive on their legs.

Worker bees are hatched in twenty-one days from the time the eggs are deposited: queens in sixteen and drones in twenty-four days.

It is better at this time to unite weak colonies than to try to strengthen them by drawing on moderately strong ones.

The Stomach is the Man.

A weak stomach weakens the man, because it cannot transform the food he eats into nourishment. Health and strength cannot be restored to any sick man or weak woman without first restoring health and strength to the stomach. A weak stomach cannot digest enough food to feed the tissues and revive the tired and run down limbs and organs of the body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cleanses, purifies, sweetens and strengthens the glands and membranes of the stomach, and cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles.—Jas. Plummer.

A FOUL MURDER.

An Elderly Citizen Shot Down in his own Home by a Robber.

A dastardly murder was committed near this place last night.

A respectable old white gentleman by the name of Sidney Blair, aged about 60, and his niece, Miss Sallie Walker, aged about 30, were quietly eating their supper, when a negro man, who has several names, Glenn, Broadnax, Courts, etc., stepped in and spoke to them. He drew a pistol and shot the old man dead, and then shot the lady twice. She fell to the floor and was quiet—supposed to be dead—but while the negro was in the main house collecting his booty, she crept out of the dining room and quietly alarmed the neighborhood. Soon a party was on the scene and the brutal negro was captured, and carried to jail at Wentworth by Deputy Sheriff Fancette, who was in the party. There was much excitement but the people were dazed at what they beheld, and did not take summary proceedings. The excitement is growing today, however, and there is much talk of lynching, which it is hoped will not be done now, as the Governor has, or will call a special term of court for this case. The knowledge of this may quiet the people.

This brutish negro had worked for Mr. Blair, his object was robbery, and the deed was committed for no other purpose. He was caught so quietly that what money he had secured was found and gotten away from him.

The Governor has placed the Reidville Rifles, one of the best of the sheriff, which will be used in the event there is a demonstration.—Reidsville special to Greensboro Record.

Charged With Murder.

Wynne, Ark., March 19.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the recent killing of John H. Brown of Memphis, today returned a verdict charging eight men with murder in the first degree. The eight will be held without bond to await the action of the grand jury. Fifteen arrests were made immediately after the killing, and of the eight men connected with the crime six are brothers.

Writing on Wood.

Some persons are of the opinion that the first writing was on thin pieces of wood. From their convenience this seems probable. Such boards were used at an early period by the Greeks and Romans, and were frequently covered with wax, which was of course more easily written upon than the bare wood. Where wax was used errors were readily erased by rubbing with the blunt end of the piece of metal which served for a pen. To make the writing more visible it appears that some black substance was smeared over the surface of the white wax and remained in the scratched marks.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at all druggists.

The worst form of Indigestion is generally relieved by taking one-half teaspoonful of Liquid Electricity in half a glass of water a few minutes after eating.