

# The Alexander County Journal.

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TAYLORSVILLE, ALEXANDER COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1888.

\$1 PER YEAR.

### LOCAL DIRECTORY.

#### CHURCHES.

**PRESBYTERIAN.**—Pastor. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday, at 11 a. m. and at night. Prayers every Wednesday night. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 a. m. A. C. McIntosh superintendent.

**METH-DIST.**—Rev. T. J. Dalley, pastor. Preaching every third Sunday at 3 p. m.

**BAPTIST.**—Rev. L. P. Gwaltney pastor. Preaching every fourth Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. E. A. Womble, Superintendent.

#### SOCIETY MEETINGS.

A. F. & A. M.—Lodge No. 253 meets the first Saturday of each month at 10 o'clock p. m.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS.

Sheriff, R. M. Sharp, Clerk of Court, J. T. McIntosh, R. of D. J. M. Oxford, Treasurer, C. J. Carson, County Commissioner, J. B. Post, W. R. Sloan, V. W. Tague, A. C. McIntosh, A. P. Marsh, W. W. Tague, Board of Education, J. J. Hudson, School Superintendent, Z. P. D.-L. Coroner.

#### CORPORATION OFFICERS.

A. A. Hill, Mayor; W. R. Matheson, E. A. Hedrick, J. M. Matheson, Commissioners; E. L. Hedrick, Town Clerk.

#### HE MAILS.

Statesville and Wilkesboro, daily. Mail for the office at 9 p. m.

Taylorsville, Tuesdays, Fridays at 1 p. m. and Saturdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 m.

Norfolk, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same day at 1 p. m.

Roanoke, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same day at 1 p. m.

Beaufort, Tuesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same day at 1 p. m.

Hampton, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same day at 1 p. m.

Rocky Mount, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same day at 1 p. m.

Wilmington, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same day at 1 p. m.

#### WEDMONT AIR LINE.

Wilmington and Danville R. R. SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION.

Statesville, Taylorsville, and other stations. Daily. 10:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

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### ERASTUS B. JONES,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Practices in the courts of Alexander, Catawba, Caldwell, Iredell and Wilkes. Prompt attention given to the collection of claims and all other business entrusted to him.

### R. B. BURKE,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Having been granted license by the Supreme Court, I have located at Taylorsville for the

**PRACTICE OF LAW.**

and bespeak a share of the public patronage. I will attend the Courts of adjoining counties.

### MOOSE BROS.,

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.

#### CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

#### CONTRACTS FOR FINE HOUSES.

#### A SPECIALTY.

Will furnish plans and estimates free on work entrusted to us. All work warranted first-class in quality and finish.

### EATING SALOON.

I have established an EATING SALOON in the Lowe House, near the Presbyterian church, and bespeak a liberal share of public patronage. Meals furnished at any hour at 25c. Lunches and Snacks at reasonable prices. Also keep Candles, Groceries, &c.

W. E. REID, Prop'r.

### SPECIAL.

#### THE RAILROAD IS HERE.

#### THE NEW YEAR IS HERE.

#### EVERYTHING IS PLENTY.

If you owe me an over-due note or account, please pay it and oblige me. I must collect.

Jan. 2, 1888.

A. C. MCINTOSH.

### MATRASSES.

I wish to inform the people of Alexander, Iredell, Wilkes, and other counties that I have located at TAYLORSVILLE, and can now supply them with MATRASSES of any size and kind, and at LOWER PRICES than they can be bought for elsewhere.

J. D. MULLACE.

### W. P. HEDRICK,

HOUSE, SIGN AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTER.

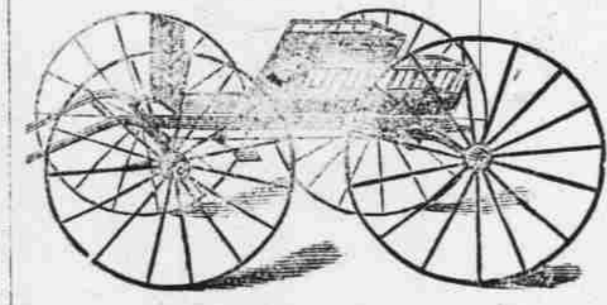
TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.

#### PAPER HANGING A SPECIALTY.

#### MATERIALS FURNISHED.

Write for estimates.

### Highland Buggy and Wagon Works.



### Buggies, Wagons, Carriages and Hacks

#### BUILT TO ORDER.

WE ARE PREPARED TO DO any and all kinds of repairing, either of buggies or wagons. A well assorted stock of carriage hardware always on hand. We guarantee prices on any and all work entrusted to us. We do first-class work, and ask a trial from all in need of anything in our line. Our shops are on the hill above the depot, where we can be found at any time, hoping to have you call and see us, are.

Yours respectfully,

Highland Buggy and Wagon Works,  
Taylorsville, N. C.  
E. A. WOMBLE, PROP'R.

### The Public Schools.

By S. M. Finger, Sup't of Public Instruction.

According to the last returns the whole number of white and colored children between the ages of 6 and 21 years was 566,270. The white children, during the last 4 years, increased from 321,561 to 353,481; total in four years 31,920 or 9.92 per cent. During the same time the colored children increased from 163,843 to 212,789; total 18,946 or 9.77 per cent. Thus it will be seen that the rate of increase is very nearly the same for both races, the whites having increased only .15 per cent faster or 15 in 10,000.

Last year there were enrolled in the white schools 57.2 per cent or 202,134 out of 353,481 children; in the colored schools 57.8 per cent or 123,145 out of 212,789. The average daily attendance in the white schools was 35.2 per cent, and in the colored schools 33.5 per cent. Looking back over four years the figures show that there is a small increase in both enrollment and average attendance of the whites and a small decrease of the colored. I state this because it is so met mess said that the colored people attend the schools better than the whites. This may be true for some communities, but it is not so for the State according to the returns made to my office. Besides, the whites have a much larger proportional attendance in private schools than the negroes have. Because there are enrolled in our public schools only 57 or 58 children out of every 100 there is an opinion among many people that the remaining 42 or 43 do not attend at all. This is not the fact. Our school age is from 6 to 21 years, a period of 15 years. During any one session a large number of small children within school age will not be enrolled who at some subsequent time will be; and also a great many, say from 16 to 21, drop out of the public schools to engage in work or pass into private schools or colleges and are not enrolled in the public schools.

The fact is that during the short time our schools are in session we have enrolled in them a larger per cent of population than Massachusetts, Connecticut, or New York. We have enrolled 20.03 per cent of the whole population including men, women, and children, of all ages, or one person in five, while Massachusetts has only 18 per cent, Connecticut 18.71 per cent, and New York 19.28 per cent. These figures are taken from the last report of the Commissioner of Education and are based on the United States census of 1880 and the latest school census of the States compared. And further, our daily average attendance in proportion to the whole population is better than in New York or Connecticut.

I am free to say that quite a large number of our children do not avail themselves of the facilities they have, but the greatest difference between the educational status of our State and those I have named above, and other Northern States, consists in the length of annual school terms. North Carolina has 60 days per annum, (just about the same for both races) Massachusetts 172, Connecticut 179, and New York 178. With nearly the same rate of enrollment and average attendance and, say, three times as long terms, the public educational forces in these three States are three times as great as are those of our State, granting that our teachers are as well prepared for their work. We are indeed far behind in the educational race, but still our public schools are improving in efficiency and attendance, and our many private schools are giving valuable help both in the instruction of children who are

not included in the public school enrollment, and in providing higher education to those young persons who have passed beyond the public school course.

In estimating our educational facilities I have taken the average for the State. We must not lose sight of the fact that, while the average school term is 60 days or 3 months, some counties have 2 months, and others have 4 months or more. This results from several causes: 1 A difference in valuation of property in the different counties. 2 Closer collections of school funds by officers of some counties than of others. 3 Receipts from license of retail liquor dealers, which are large in some counties and small or nothing in others. 4 Special levies for schools by some County Commissioners and none by others.

### North Carolina Crop Report.

The crop report for March covers all the State, being made up of reports from a hundred correspondents. It states that there is a decided advancement in the matter of clover and grasses. More will be seeded and the cultivation is becoming more general all over the State. Great strides are being made in the production and use of home made manures. The condition of live stock is better this year than for several past. The average for horses is 55; for mules, 96; cattle 90; sheep 81, swine 88. The highest estimates for all live stock come from transmontane counties, and the lowest from the extreme eastern counties. There is less complaint of labor than last year. Labor is reported to be fairly efficient in 8 per cent of the replies. As to wheat it is shown that over 18 per cent of the old crop is yet in the hands of farmers. There is complaint from about one fourth of the area of the State of damage from either excessive rain or cold. This is indicative of very slight damage to total of the crops. The amount of wheat sown is normal. The condition of plant is 95. The oat crop will be in excess of that of last year. Its condition is 96. That of rye is 92. Nothing definite is stated in regard to the cotton crop, but the tenor of the report is that it will not be larger than last year's. As to the tobacco crop there are no definite statements, but it appears that it will be a full one. The rice crop will be as large as usual. Much sorghum will be planted as the result of last year's successful work in its cultivation.

### Don't

let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

Catarrh is disgusting. Pneumonia is dangerous. Consumption is death itself.

The breathing apparatus must be kept healthy and clear of all obstructions and offensive matter. Otherwise there is trouble ahead. All the diseases of these parts—head, nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs—can be delightfully cured by the use of *Boschee's German Syrup*. If you don't know this already, thousands and thousands of people can tell you. They have been cured by it, and "know how it is themselves." Bottle only 75c. Ask any druggist.

There are no more deserving public officers than the Judiciary, and none whose arduous duties should meet with more liberal compensation. A comparison between the amount of work annually performed by a Congressman and a United States Judge is alone sufficient to sustain the position.—*St. Paul Globe*.

The great Senator Ingalls, with all his brilliancy, would not be sure of carrying a single State in the Union if he ran for President to-morrow.—*Utica Observer*

### Hon. W. D. Kelley on North Carolina.

North Carolina is the most beautiful and richest portion of God's earth upon which my vision or feet have ever rested. You know that she produces cotton, rice, indigo, tar, pitch, turpentine, and superior timber. You know that her soil and climate are adapted to the cereals, wheat, corn, rye, buckwheat and oats, but you probably do not know that that State, long known as the Rip Van Winkle of the Union, from which more than fifty thousand free white people fled to the two States of Indiana and Illinois, is the land of wine and honey, the apple and peach, the fig and pomegranate, all of which I saw prospering in open fields and under the most artless culture. Its native vines made the fortune of Longworth, who carried cuttings thence. The wine producing vineyards of Western Pennsylvania and around the borders and on the islands of Lake Erie, and those scattered through Missouri, are from cuttings taken from the native vines of North Carolina. The Catawba the Lincoln, the Isabella, and richer than all the scuppernong, of which, as it has not yet been successfully transplanted, Eastern North Carolina has the monopoly. There it grows spontaneously as a weed.

The woods and hillsides teem with the richest honey bearing flowers, and the bees invite you to put up a rude box that they may reward your kindness with the sweetest treasure. There is not a vegetable that we produce that will not grow in North Carolina.

Wealth and honor are in the pathway of the New South. Her impulses are those which are impelling the advance of civilization and the progress of wealth and refinement throughout christendom; and as her resources, including geographical position and climate, are more diversified than those in the possession of any other people of equal numbers, she must at no distant day resume her once proud position in the van of civilization's advancing column. She is the coming El Dorado of American adventure. May the Almighty speed and guide her onward progress.

### An Inundation of Wisdom.

Here is another wise man who knows so much about sleeping that it hurts him to carry it around, so he unloads some of his knowledge upon our general ignorance. The wise man says: Hunters, scouts, children, wild men, and all animals sleep with the spine upward. Every creature does this except civilized man. It is the natural and right way.

Sleeping on the face protects the vital organs in case of a shot from the enemy. So it does when we bear in mind that it is a poor gun these days that can't send a half ounce ball crushing through a railroad tie, and that Garfield was killed by a shot square in the back. We ought to get right down on our faces and stay there, not merely to protect our vital organs from chance cannon shots, but to express our profound reverence for a man who knows so much. Tell you, my son, this world is so chock full of wisdom and knowledge and information and instruction and erudition that it is a great wonder some of it doesn't escape and leak into the schools.—*Burdette*.

### Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor: Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption, if they will send me their express and postoffice address. T. A. SLOCUM, 181 Pearl st., F. Y.

### North Carolina News Notes.

Wilmington is taking preliminary steps for an industrial school. The Newbern fish, oyster and game fair was a financial success. At Durham the other morning a negro woman was burned to death by her clothes taking fire.

Several members of the Salvation Army recently arrived in Asheville, and have located for a season.

In New Hanover county the engineer of a locomotive which killed a man has been indicted for manslaughter.

A colored man was so badly crushed by a landslide at a rock quarry in Forsyth county that he shortly died.

The work of placing in position the granite boundary stones which mark the line between southeast Virginia and northeast North Carolina is yet in progress.

The Richmond and Danville railroad has given a contract for a new depot at Asheville. It will be one of the best and most convenient depots in the South.

A capitalist from New Jersey has purchased the Long Island factory, in Catawba county, and will establish a hosiery manufactory, giving employment to 150 persons.

A negro was killed last week near Mt. Holly by a falling tree. Two men were felling the tree when the negro came walking by and was struck by a limb of the tree, shattering his skull.

Rev. R. T. Vann, the Baptist Bishop of Wake Forest, will preach the commencement sermon and deliver the annual address for Thomasville female college this year. The sermon will be preached on the last Sunday in May, and the address delivered the following Tuesday.

Last week at the Phoenix mine a white man by the name of Lifus George came very near meeting with a horrible death. He was working in a drift near the edge of the deepest shaft, which is something over 300 feet deep, and by accident he slipped and fell nearly fifty feet, breaking his leg and otherwise badly bruising himself.

### Tobacco Flies.

An exchange offers the following advice in regard to destroying the troublesome tobacco flies: "Use plenty of cobalt dissolved in water and sweetened with sugar or honey. Drive stakes all around the tobacco patch, fifty or sixty yards apart. Get strips of shingles or laths and bore holes in them. Nail these on top of the stakes and every evening about sundown go with a basket of jimson flowers and put one in each hole in each shingle, drawing it down tight enough to prevent the wind blowing it out, and then put in three drops of cobalt, and be sure to commence this as soon as the first flies come. It will pay you to grow some early jimson plants in your hot bed or with your tomato plants, so as to have your jimson blossoms in time. Don't put any in the patch; around the edge will be enough."

### Didn't Know His Destination.

From the Epoch. St. Peter (to applicant): You say you were an editorial writer on a newspaper?

Applicant: Yes, sir.

St. Peter: Step into the elevator, please.

Applicant (stepping into elevator): How soon does it go up?

St. Peter: It doesn't go up; it goes down.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25c. per box. For sale by all druggists.