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LOCAL DOTS.

Brief Notes of Passing Events That May or May Not Interest You.

—How often did you get fooled Thursday?

—Get your Easter eggs ready—and send us one.

—Drummer Dave Baker was in the city last week.

—Gents' hats and furnishing goods at Hix's.

—The new line of millinery at the Hix Clothing Store, is lovely.

—R. A. Spainhour & Co. will buy your produce and staves.

—Mr. J. T. Edwards, of Ronda, was among our visitors this week.

—Our friend Henry Kleopelberg, of Charlotte, was in the city last week.

—You should see Spainhour's line of dress goods before you buy elsewhere.

—Get up the joint baseball team in Wilkesboro, and challenge the State.

—R. A. Spainhour has in a nice line of spring goods. Call and examine for yourself.

—Our friend John Watts, of Boomer, gave us one of his pleasant smiles Monday.

—The heavy rains Sunday and Sunday night put the creeks and rivers out of banks.

—R. A. Spainhour & Co. have some North Carolina Pants at \$3.68 that "can't be beat."

—Gaither Dula and Miss "Shoog" Hendrix were married in Elk township last week.

—It has been a rather wet spring so far, and farmers are considerably behind with their work.

—The famous April shower, which lives in song and story, is here, refreshing budding nature.

—Ira Gilreath and Jinks Harris, both colored, went to Saltville, Va., last week, to get work there.

—Mr. Lewis, the new clothing man, says he is well pleased here, and he will move his family here soon.

—Mr. C. H. Cowles left Tuesday for Charlotte to spend a few weeks with his brother, Will Cowles.

—Chap Minton has moved to Mountain City on Isaac Wellborn's land. He is going to work at the tan bark business.

—Esq. James wellborn and two sons, Rud and Duck, went to Ashe last week to take a drove of calves.

—Mr. C. E. Dexter, postoffice inspector, was in the county last week, looking after some postoffice matters.

—About 100 Wilkesites went down to Greensboro this week to attend Federal court. Most of the lawyers went down.

—Mrs. J. T. Ferguson seems to stand head in the radish business. She had a supply for dinner last Thursday that were raised this year.

—Some of our good people are wondering how it can be right to "lie" so much on April the first, and then be such a sin at any other time.

—Arthur Pipes, of Elk township, was seized with a fit recently and fell in the fire. He was badly burned about the face and hands. He is improving slowly.

—Mr. Greer, of Henderson county, came in last week to assist in the revenue business, as storekeeper and gauger.

—If there is any truth in the saying that a wet spring means a dry summer, then we will have plenty of dust the coming summer.

—The Teachers Association will meet at the court house here next Saturday. Every teacher in the county should be present.

—Court at Mocksville this week. Solicitor Mott and Lawyer J. W. McNeill are in attendance. Two murder cases are to be tried there this week.

—Mr. John L. Whittington, of Union township, is in a critical condition from a stroke of paralysis, one day last week. We hope he will soon recover.

—There are some 1600 tracts of land, advertised for taxes in the supplement this week. It is hard on our people but the taxes have to be paid.

—Lawyer L. S. Benbow, who stood the civil service examination for the position of Deputy Collector, passed all right. He got an average grade of 72½.

—The W. C. T. U. will have a meeting at the court house tomorrow (Thursday) night for the benefit of the colored people. They are all invited to attend.

—Solicitor Mott returned from Washington Thursday. He is of the opinion that Harkins, of Asheville, will be collector, and that ex-collector, Rollins, will get the Asheville postoffice.

—Some of the boys seem to have a mania for moving signs. The signs in town are being changed at the rate of about once per week. Some of these fellows will probably wake up in the calaboose one of these mornings.

—There was a scientific pugilistic display of several rounds up in Hog Elk last week. Dave Summerlin and Will Triplett did the Corbett and Fitz act in great style for about 20 minutes. No serious damage done.

—Our friend O. J. Harris, of Roaring River, tried an experiment last year in transplanting pumpkin vines, and it proved a success. Those vines transplanted did better than the others, one of them growing to the length of 40 feet.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Davidson went to Marion last week to see her brother, Mr. B. Stewart, who is not expected to live. He was struck with an ax handle by some fellow while in a store there. No reason for the act is known.

—On account of the heavy rainfall Sunday, very few attended the Presbyterian church and the congregational meeting was postponed until the third Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, when Rev. Mr. Robinson's resignation will be acted on.

—Some old writer, Festus, perhaps, has said that "even a good traveling sway-backed horse to a buggy with a young man holding the reins, has charms for woman's eyes, but two straight backed ones have more." We are informed that one of our talented young men is willing to testify to the truthfulness of the expression, and offers to give his experience as corroborative evidence.

NOT GUILTY.

The Duncan's Acquitted.

The most important case at Alleghany court last week was that against Oliver and Calvin Duncan for killing Scott McCraw. The trial occupied about three days. Lawyers J. W. McNeill, solicitor pro tem., and H. L. Greene, appeared for the State. Fields, Doughton and Blackburn appeared for the defense. The evidence was circumstantial altogether, and the jury did not think it sufficient to convict, and they returned a verdict of not guilty.

McCraw was killed some six months ago, and a fellow by the name of Roop, who was with him, was badly shot. The Duncan boys were engaged in making brandy, and one of their barrels, about 50 gallons, was stolen. They tracked it up, and found where it was hid. McCraw and Roop were supposed to be the thieves. The Duncans did not move the brandy, but left it there in order to find out the thieves. McCraw and Roop went to where the brandy was hid to get a drink, and while there McCraw was killed and Roop badly shot. Somebody did the shooting. The circumstances seem to point to the Duncans, and they were indicted. At the trial, however, the evidence was not sufficient to convince the jury.

The First of Series.

We have heard from Bill Smith, the successful snake farmer of Hog Elk. He is in mourning over the loss of five of his largest and most energetic reptiles. On the last day of March, 1897, during Bill's absence, these five truant trailors of the ground broke over the pasture fence and made a concerted attack upon the fowls that were basking in the sunshine about the door. The audacity of the reptiles aroused the wrath of Mrs. Smith and the children and they gathered up tongs, shovels, pokers, and such like, and charged the enemy of the fowls. The battle was fierce and fast, and when the smok of the debris cleared away, the truant reptiles lay lifeless upon the battle ground. While Bill admires the bravery of his "better half" he is wearing crape in memory of the frolicsome fellows who so recklessly lost their lives.

The Women's Exposition of The Carolinas.

The women of Mecklenburg county have arranged for a "Grand Art Loan, Industrial and Scientific Exposition" at Charlotte beginning May 1st and extending to June 1st. The Exposition is for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. C. W. Robinson, of North Wilkesboro, has been selected to collect colonial and confederate relics, art works, etc. These are to be loaned for the use of the Exposition. They will be carefully attended to and their safe return is guaranteed. The Association pays for transportation each way. Wilkes should get up a good collection. Correspond with Mr. Robinson concerning the matter. It is a worthy matter.

Broke Her Leg.

Mrs. Eliza Parker, widow of Newbern Parker, of Hunting Creek, fell from her door step one night last week and broke both bones in one of her legs. She is about 83 years old, and her extreme age makes it doubtful of her recovery.

Additional Locals.

—Commissioners proceedings next week.

—Arbuckle's coffee at 15 cents, and Red Letter coffee at 10 cents, at Call's.

—Esq. S. J. Ginnings and T. S. Miller are attending Mocks ville court.

—Cigars, chewing and smoking tobacco and cigarettes at I. S. Call & Co's.

—Mat Woods got tangled in corn juice and fell from the court house steps Monday and bruise his head badly.

—From what we can gather, Brer Linney is receiving several "cussin" letters concerning his action in the postoffice matters at Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. It seems that "there's guine to be trouble in the household," and perhaps "razors flying in de air."

—Mr. J. H. Carrigan sent 620 pounds of wheat to Turner & Wyatt's Roller Mills last week. He got back 336 pounds No. 1 flour, 69 pounds No. 2 flour, 37 pounds shorts and cleanings, and 111 pounds of bran. Adding the 62 pounds taken for toll, there is left only a waste of five pounds. That's good work.

—Mr. John O. Howell, who recently returned from Tenn., reports a very successful year in his work there. During the past year he together with the boys who assisted him, sold 954 Bibles and other books, and distributed 845 Sunday School books. He collected on this work something near \$3,000. Mr. W. F. Bentley worked alone and sold 279 Bibles and books and distributed 255 Sunday School books, and collected about \$1,000.

—The Temperance meeting at the court house Thursday night was quite interesting. The court house was well filled with people. The addresses by Rev. Mr. Robinson and Prof. Ader were good. The recitations by Misses Annie Matthews and Ida Cowles were well rendered and enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Kinnear, the President of the Union, is an earnest worker, and always has an interesting program for these occasions. It will be a benefit and pleasure for you to attend these meetings.

Dropped Dead.

Mrs. Allen, widow of the late William Allen, of Elk township, dropped dead at her home on Wednesday morning of last week. She was engaged in her house work as usual, and seemingly in her usual good health, when she fell over dead. A short while ago, her husband was found dead in the creek near the house, an account of which appeared in THE CHRONICLE at the time. There are three daughters left behind at the old homestead.

For the Colored People.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a Gospel meeting for the colored people at the court house Thursday, April 8th, at 7:30 P. M. All are invited to attend. MRS. J. E. SPAINHOUR, Sec'y.

Whiskey Sale.

Deputy Collector McEwen will have a big whiskey sale on April 13th, at the Ferguson old store, in Wilkesboro. He has 105 packages, making over 4,500 gallons, to be sold on that day. Besides this there are 12 stills and fixtures to be sold.

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