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

—And this is May.
 —French Sardines at Call's.
 —Boomer commencement the 12th.
 —Snow could be seen on the Blue Ridge Monday morning.
 —Mrs. C. L. Zoll is visiting relatives at Jefferson.
 —Mr. Richard Gentry, of Ashe, was in the city last week.
 —Rev. J. S. Matthews went to Ronda Sunday and conducted services.
 —Remember the meeting of the Rebekahs, Thursday night, and attend.
 —Mess. Sloan and Matheson, of Taylorsville, were in the city last week.
 —Prof. Nicholson, of Valle Crucis, spent a few days here last week.
 —There was a pleasant surprise party at Esq. Staley's one night last week.
 —Best bargains in Coffee to be found on the market at Call's.
 —The commencement exercises at North Wilkesboro, the 20th.
 —John Shelton, a grocery drummer of Greensboro, was in the city last week.
 —Misses Janie and Bettie Spicer, of Kendall, spent Sunday night with relatives here.
 —Mayberry is getting in a nice line of Straw hats for men and boys; also slipper shoes for men, woman and children.
 —Esq. E. A. Ebert, of Salem, was in Wilkesboro last week, looking after the insurance business.
 —Remember the Teachers' Association meeting at the court house on Saturday, the 8th.
 —C. M. Perty, of Statesville, has accepted a position at the depot. He is a nephew of Dr. Greene, of this place.
 —Esq. Joe Holbrook, of Traphill, was among our pleasant callers Monday. Always glad to see uncle Joe.
 —Mr. C. H. Cowles, who has been at Charlotte for a few weeks, returned to Wilkesboro Friday.
 —Esq. A. L. Hendrix, of New Castle township, has moved to his new home at Elkin, says The Times.
 —Some holes in the bridges and trunks across the streets should be looked after before a horse or a man gets crippled.
 —E. D. Harris, Esq., has been appointed post master at Elkin, in place of Mr. J. S. Bell whose time has expired.
 —Mr. Gaither Hall, of Elkville, passed through the city last week, returning from a visit to relatives in Iredell.
 —William Anderson, of Hunting Creek, who has been suffering so long with typhoid fever, is hardly expected to recover.
 —Mr. W. M. Henry, of Transylvania county, arrived in the city last week. He is connected with the Internal Revenue Service.
 —Mrs. R. M. Lunn and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Atkins, of Davie county, arrived in the city Friday night and spent a few days visiting Mr. C. Y. Miller's family. Mrs. Lunn is Mrs. Miller's mother.

—Rev. C. F. Fields, of Edwards township, has a lamb of improved stock, three months old that weighs 58 pounds. That's hard to beat.
 —Measles all gone from Mayberry's. No danger now. Come back and buy your goods as usual and save money on coffee, sugar, flour, bacon, pant goods, dress goods, hats, shoes, and everything you need.
 —That was a nice "April shower" Friday—the last day of April—and we suppose it was a "May Sweat" Saturday, it being the first day of May.
 —The Hustler says that Mr. F. D. Forester and Miss Gene va Adams were married last week. THE CHRONICLE extends its best wishes.
 —W. P. Wingler, of this county, and Hannah Burgess, of Ashe, were married recently. He is 61 years old, and this is his fourth marriage.
 —Mr. R. A. Spainhour and family move back to Moravian Falls this week. Mr. J. E. Spainhour will remain in the house from which his father moves.
 —The Board of Trustees of the Academy met Saturday and rescinded the lease granted Prof. Nicholson, and agreed to pay the Prof. \$100 for improvements made by him.
 —Mr. N. W. Powell, of Raleigh, was in the city last week. He was up looking at our farming lands with the purpose of moving to our county. We hope he will come among us.
 —The Odd Fellows picnic at North Wilkesboro was a very pleasant occasion, but was not very largely attended. The amount of the receipts was not very large.
 —Mr. John Miles, of Alleghany, and Miss Maryann, daughter of Martin McBride, of "God's Country," were married last Sunday. It is reported as a very pleasant occasion.
 —Dr. York, of Traphill, was in the city the first of the week, looking after the effects of McKinley's first wave of prosperity, and helping some of the poor fellows pay off their taxes to keep their lands from being sold.
 —The money question has been solved and by a Wilkes man. He assures us that if the bees make plenty of honey this season, money will be plentiful, almost growing on the trees. But if the bees fail, our people may suffer for money.
 —Fire caught out from the upper end of Call's bottom Thursday and created quite an excitement for a while. It burned over 75 acres before it could be conquered. Some fencing was destroyed. People should be extremely careful about fire now.
 —The CHRONICLE thanks Misses Beulah Ferguson and Edna Walker for a neat invitation to the commencement exercises of the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro, May 18th and 19th. It is the 5th annual commencement.
 —Dr. Messick, of Lewis Fork, who was in town last week, says McKinley has refused to give him the office which he promised him the last time he spent the night with him. McKinley gives as the reason, that the Dr. didn't come to his inauguration. The office promised was superintendent of the bog path from Dick's Hollow to Church's distillery. Some fellow who attended the inauguration will no doubt get the job.

SAVED BY A SUN GLEAM.

J. Rufin Henderson Attempts to Kill Richard N. Hackett.

On last Wednesday morning, in front of the hotel, J. K. Henderson, republican candidate for Auditor for a time during the last campaign, shot at Lawyer R. N. Hackett with intent to kill.

Henderson was sitting in the edge of the street in front of the hotel. Hackett was going to breakfast and was passing down by the porch to see Esq. Somers to whom he had called. As he was about by Henderson, without saying a word or giving a warning a warning, drew his pistol and fired at Hackett. The aim was correct, and but for a gleam of sunshine reflected from the pistol barrel as it was brought to a level, it would have been fatal. Hackett caught the gleam and jumped around and the ball passed between the arm and body, scorching the coat. As Henderson attempted to fire again, Hackett jumped at him, caught the pistol and prevented another shot. Several parties present parted them, taking the pistol from Henderson.

A warrant was issued for Henderson charging him with a secret or felonious assault. He waived examination and was bound over to court, Sheriff Cal and John Carrigan going on his bond.

It seems that it was some kind of an old feud mixed with "liver regulator" that caused the assault.

The newspaper reports are mistaken about Hackett being a candidate for mayor. He was not a candidate.

W. C. Fletcher Dead.

Esq. William C. Fletcher, of Purlear, died on Tuesday night of last week, after a lingering illness of 18 months. He suffered from a complication of diseases, but dropsy was the immediate cause of death. He was 56 years, 10 months and 16 days old, and he leaves a wife and seven children. Four of his children preceded him across the silent river. He was a member of the Baptist church at New Hope, having connected himself with that church in 1869. His burial took place at New Hope on Thursday with masonic honors. Rev. M. McNeill, of this place, conducted the services. There was an immense congregation present—over 300 people—to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased, testifying the high esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. One by one they pass away.

The Santer Still Eating Cats.

The Santer, or whatever it is, is still making inroads upon the cat population about Roaring River. We gave an account of its ravages some time ago. It seems to live on cats, and there's no cat in that section that can feel safe unless well housed up. We are informed that last year when the circus exhibited at Elkin a Lynx escaped, and it is supposed that the cat-eating santer is that Lynx. A Lynx is akin to the wild cat and loves cat meat.

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Additional Locals.

—Maggie Owens, an inmate of the Poor House, is very sick.

—Lawyer H. L. Greene is attending Federal court at Asheville this week.

—The effect of an earthquake was felt here Monday by several of our people. The quivering was only slight.

—Application has been made for the admission of Litisha Hudson, of Boomer township, to the Morganton Hospital.

—Mrs. J. E. McEwen and daughter Minnie, and Mrs. W. W. McEwen are attending the commencement at Traphill Institute.

—J. F. Gentry, J. Q. A. Bryan, and L. W. Holbrook have been appointed stock law commissioners in Traphill and Edwards townships.

—Mrs. Dawson, by mistake, took an overdose of nitro-glycerine Monday, and but for the immediate aid rendered Dr. Turner, the result would have probably proved fatal.

—G. W. Iseley, who is miller at the Turner & Wyatt roller mills, came very nearly getting fatally injured last week. He fell from one of the gangways while carrying a sack of flour and received serious injuries.

—Nathan Ingool, of Rock Creek, fell dead one day last week. Fire had broke out in the woods and Ingool went to where the fire was and about the time he reached there he fell over dead.

—Esq. P. H. Moore, of Hunting Creek, has a curiosity which he showed us this week. It is a twin egg, the two being connected by a little tube or valve. The shell is soft, but can be handled without injury. It is another Wilkes curiosity.

—Prof. S. F. Conrad, exhibited his stereopticon-graphophonic-phantastic-megora-pamram-kleptomaniac-magic-latern performance, (or whatever you call it) here last Wednesday night. It was right good in some respects, and was for a charitable purpose.

—Mr. S. D. Lewis, of Osbornville, advertises that he will sell at public auction all his personal property, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, and so forth, on May the 13th, preparatory to moving to California.

—Our friend R. A. Stroud, who is engaged in the tan bark business, felled a chestnut oak last week which measured 6 feet and 4 inches in circumference, and he peeled the bark from it for 106 feet. That is ahead of anything we have heard of.

—R. N. Garner, Esq., of Hunting Creek, Democratic candidate for sheriff at the last election, was in the city Friday, and says the people down in his section are through planting corn, that some of them are working over their corn the first time, and that he actually saw one man stacking fodder. That seems to be the "most up to date" part of the country, so far as heard from.

—One of our young men dreamed Sunday night that his fortune was told in Genesis, 31st chapter and the 8th verse, and he is now looking for an interpreter. Here is what the verse says:

If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled; and if he said thus, The ringstreaked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstreaked.

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