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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Miss Clara Benbow who is in school at Winston is at home for a few days.

—Mr. Frank Lunn has accepted a position with the Owen Drug Co. at Winston.

—Mr. Charley Lewis, of Elk, spent Sunday with home folks here.

—Mr. Buell Prevette visited his mother, Mrs. Alice Prevette last week.

—Mr. M. W. Beach spent a few days with home folks at Boone last week.

—Master Hubert McNiell, of Washington City, is visiting his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. M. McNiell.

—The Limeback family, Traveling Musicians, gave a very creditable performance in the Auditorium here Monday night.

—Messrs. H. C. Caviness and Walter Horton attended the Good Roads Convention at Asheville last week.

—Mrs. Spicer and daughter, Miss Janie, of Kendall, were in town last week visiting at Mr. J. T. Ferguson's.

—Miss Marie Long after a visit to her sister here, Mrs. R. N. Hackett has returned to her home at Statesville.

—Mrs. R. W. Gwyn and children have returned to their home after spending the summer at Blowing Rock.

—Mrs. Cullen and daughter, Miss Jennie who have been visiting at Dr. White's and J. E. Spainhour's, have returned to their home at Richmond, Va.

—Rev. C. W. Robinson and daughter, Miss Ellen are spending the winter months at No. Wilkesboro, boarding at Mr. Tom Tompson.

—Mrs. J. P. Rousseau charmingly entertained the Embroidery Club Wednesday afternoon. All the members were present and a delightful evening spent.

—Mr. Glenn Marley who has been in High Point for some months, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marley and took in the fair.

—There were thirteen baptized at Brown's ford last Sunday by Rev. L. B. Murray, as the result of a good meeting at Pleasant Grove last week.

—Mr. Trogden's great Auction Town Lot Sale will take place at N. Wilkesboro, Oct. 20, 1909. One hundred dollars in prizes will be given to those who attend the sale.

—Mrs. Milton Foreman died last Wednesday morning at her home near Oakwoods. Mrs. Foreman had not been well for some time, but was able to be up until a short time before her death.

—The Hustler reports two cases of diphtheria in this town. True, there are two cases, but they have been strictly quarantined, and are doing well, and no further trouble is feared. By the way, why don't the Hustler mention the numerous cases reported in its own home town?

—If your church or Sunday school is in need of vocal music training be sure to write D. S. Lee, Finley, N. C. Can supply you with up-to-date music books, and sell you the best make of organs and pianos, and save you agent's profit, sold on easy monthly terms,

—Mr. J. I. Myers has returned from a second trip to North ern markets.

—If you want to buy a good little farm call on A. A. Leach near Moravian Falls.

—Mr. Gaither-Hall, traveling for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., spent Sunday in town.

—Mrs. O. F. Morrison and Misses Bertha Spainhour and Gay Holman are attending the fair at Greensboro this week.

—Mrs. P. H. Barker, of Fort Mills, S. C., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Y. Miller returned to her home today.

—Hon. R. L. Doughton and family, of Laurelsprings, came in Saturday and will occupy their home here for the winter. These good people are a valuable accession to the town and school.

—Bertha Walsh age about seven years and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walsh died at their home near Goshen last Thursday night. She had been sick for some months and suffered greatly before death relieved her.

—A little son of Mr. Tyre Harris near Moravian Falls died last Saturday night after only a few hours of serious illness with something like convulsions. The little fellow had not been well for some time.

—A team of mules came into town on a wild care a few days ago, and but for the timely work of Mr. C. W. Minton who succeeded in stopping them the boy driver would likely have been killed. Parents should be more careful in putting unsafe horses and mules in the hands of mere boys.

—The way the yard sticks rattled and the hardware jingled, while the grocery men were in a rush all day, and that genial smile on the face of our polite and most excellent bank cashier last Saturday indicated that business was good and that there is life in the old town yet. You can't down Wilkes, she is coming.

—Civil court opened here Monday at 2 p. m., His Honor Judge Council presiding. The crowds are small, only those who have business in court are in attendance. Perhaps the most interesting case to be tried at this term is Mitchell against Wellborn. This case has gone through the courts once and comes back for a new hearing.

—Get your fall fertilizers of C. Call Prices guaranteed.

—Attorney H. C. Caviness who attended the Good Roads Convention in Asheville last week is very encouraged in the prospects for some roads to be built in Wilkes in the near future. The dominating idea in the convention was to first make sentiment and to get the people organized in every township through which the roads are to pass. Mr. Caviness speaks of trying to get a mass meeting of the citizens of Wilkes at an early date and thoroughly discuss the matter, and have some good speakers, men like Judge Pritchard to come and give facts and figures and show what can be done. The whole country is becoming aroused on the subject and it will not be a great while until the State and Federal governments will come in and help the people to build these roads.

—A nice line of W. L. Douglas shoes just received at C. Call's.

Railroads.

The first railroad built into the average county is said to be, for the first ten or fifteen years, rather a disadvantage than an advantage to a majority of the people. This is because the railroad brings with it new conditions of industrial and commercial life and the people must have time to adapt themselves to these new conditions. Many small farmers practically abandon their farms and begin to strip their farms of timber and taubark and haul it to the railroad. They thus soon reduce themselves to a condition of living from hand to mouth. But after a period of from ten to fifteen years this condition begins to change for the better. Farmers begin to devote more and more attention to their farms. They cultivate them more carefully and intelligently. They diversify their crops and pay more attention to a money crop. This new condition has already arisen in Wilkes county. One has but to travel over the county to see world evidences of improvement in every section. There are now ten neat residences, together with good out-buildings, in the county to where there was one ten years ago. The same is true of churches and school houses. This is all because of our railroad. It has brought new industrial and commercial life and the people have "caught on." We now need new railroad outlets. We need a railroad to Taylorsville and one westward across the mountains. If necessary we could abundantly afford to vote bonds to get them. We made no bad trade when we voted bonds for the road we already have. The road now practically pays the tax necessary to pay the coupons on the railroad bonds. The people of North Wilkesboro, which would not be in existence but for the railroad, now pays more tax than the entire county paid before the railroad was built. This takes no account of the other little towns and enterprises that have grown up because of the railroads.

There is now activity in railroad circles. It is practically certain that a railroad will be built across the mountains in the near future. Shall it be built from Wilkesboro? This is a question of great importance to our people. If it should be built from Elkin or Lenoir, where would we be? Let our people not sleep upon their rights. Let them welcome any practicable, possible proposition looking towards a railroad from Wilkesboro westward.

Card of Thanks.

My wife and family take this means of thanking our neighbors and surrounding community for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and burial of our little boy.

Yours sincerely,
T. V. HARRIS.

"The bunglets and sonkers are good, but the scuppermong and sweet potato are better." — News and Observer.

Such comparisons are odious and really provoking. The News and Observer knows nothing at all about the delicious tastes of a sonker or bunglet, and is, therefore, no authority whatever on the subject.

Madam Curator Says:

That it is lucky the man in the moon is blind. That the man who could run a newspaper to suit everybody went to Heaven long ago.

That some of our people keep the balance of the community wondering how they live so well.

That when you see a banana peel resting on the side walk and one of our chronic loafers approaching it, the signs are for an early fall.

That the Latin word "editor" means something to eat, but in Wilkes this meaning is altogether different. It means to get out and hustle like — to get something to eat.

That some of our pretty little girls seem quite fond of our cunning little boys, on whose lips the first appearance of what will in the course of time be a mustache. And, really, girls you are imperiling the lives of these boys by keeping them up so late at night. Remember that boys should always go to bed early.

That the life of an editor was saved by a silver dollar in his pocket. A crank shot at him and the ball struck the dollar. We shudder to think what would have happened had it been this scribe. Will some of our delinquents please send us a dollar at once.

The President's Tour Not a Success So Far.

Charlotte Observer.

When President Taft reached San Francisco he had completed one-third of the mileage of his intended tour and had made 114 speeches. He is booked for 300 more speeches before getting back to Washington. When he has completed his tour what will he have accomplished by his arduous labors? Will he have aided his party by reconciling the West to the Payne-Aldrich idea of tariff reform or have convinced the South that it would be best for it to wheel into the Republican line? There are no indications that he has succeeded in the first endeavor and is still less likelihood of his accomplishing the desired end in the latter part of his tour. The fact is that so far Mr. Taft's tour has been somewhat of a disappointment to those who expected great things to result therefrom. If the purpose was to strengthen the Republican party in the West and South he made bad beginning. His Boston speech the first of the series, was not calculated to draw the people of either the West or South to him, and when he so emphatically declared himself an advocate of Aldrichism he weakened his cause. It begins to look as if the presidential tour will be little more than labor lost.

—Mr. M. A. Higgins, oil inspector for this district, was in town Monday stopping with Dr. Turner.

—Notwithstanding the little diphtheria scare last week the enrollment in the High School here for the first week was 220. About thirty are in attendance from outside the district.

—The little daughter of Mrs. W. G. McNiell is reported to be seriously sick. Mrs. McNiell has just passed through the deep waters in death of her husband a few days ago, and this seems to be a double affliction.

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