

Person County Courier.

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ROXBORO, N. C., March 22, 1888

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

METHODIST. I will preach each month according to the following appointments:
Ballyo - First Sunday at 11 a.m.
Roxboro - Second Sunday at 11 a.m.

Episcopal - 1st Sunday at 11 a.m. and Saturday before at 10 a.m.
2nd Sunday at 11 a.m. and Saturday before at 10 a.m.

BAPTIST. Ephraim - 1st Sunday, and Saturday before.
Mill Creek - 2nd Sunday, and Saturday before.

Red Mountain - 1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch - 2nd Sunday and Saturday before.

Spring - 1st Sunday.
Very pleasant just now.

Rain, wind, thunder and light ning Tuesday night.

Old mother earth is beginning to put a green appearance.

See notice of land sale for taxes to be found in another column.

Orange county term of the superior court is in session this week.

Mrs. Dr. R. A. Morion was in town this week visiting the Misses Barnett.

We regret to know Mrs. A. P. Simpson has been quite sick for several days.

Don't forget the sale of Abram Bowes' land at the court house door next Saturday at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Elvira Jones, near Surf, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Masten, here this week.

Miss Willie Rogers, of Wooddale, is in town this week visiting Misses Fannie and Alice Fuller.

This week another communication seeks sweet repose in the waste basket, because no name accompanied it.

Mr. R. K. Daniel, our venerable townsman, we regret to learn, has been quite sick for several days, suffering with cold.

G. Ober & Sons Company have an adv. in this issue of Ober's guano. This fertilizer has a well established trade and is reliable.

The young men in Olive Hill township who eavesdropped their best girl now feel quite bad after hearing her plainly express herself concerning them.

Mr. J. A. Carver, our efficient postmaster, moved the postoffice yesterday from Industry street to the new Merritt building on Main street. We heartily welcome you, Beer Joems, over on our side of the town.

Owing to ill health Dr. John A. Geoghegan has requested Mr. T. H. Street to offer his property for sale on the first Monday in April. Also his horse, which is an excellent saddle horse, will be sold on Tuesday of court week.

In another place in this paper will be found an adv. of the Walton & Whann Co., manufacturers of the Plow Brand Raw Bone Superphosphate Guano. If you want a first class guano try the Plow Brand. For sale by J. A. Long.

Your attention is directed to the Southern Jewelry House, F. D. Johnson & Son proprietors, of Lynchburg, Va., to be found in another column in this weeks paper. Send five cents for beautiful catalogue. They carry in stock a large and beautiful line of jewelry.

In another place will be found "An Open Letter" by Mr. John S. Lockhart, the whole of warehousemen, giving some most excellent and time-wasting advice to the farmer. It will do you good to read it, and it will do you still more good to heed its well-aimed advice.

Our sanctum was visited by Mr. Geo. C. Woody last Tuesday. Mr. Woody is one of Bethel Hill's most popular and energetic young men. He is now representing the Star, of South Boston, Va. Carry him a load and he says he will do all in his power to secure you the highest market price. See his card in another place.

The equinoctial storm passed over us with a vim last Tuesday night.

Mr. J. A. Long left yesterday for the northern markets, where he will purchase his stock of spring goods.

The "red breast" robin has made his appearance, and our sporting men take special delight in bagging them.

We are glad to learn that Mr. J. D. Clayton, jr., who has been very sick for several weeks, is able to be out.

Seed sweet potatoes for sale at \$1 a bushel and is an extra quality, known in this county as the Cunningham potato. For sale by T. D. Woody, Bethel Hill, N. C.

Our live and energetic young townsman, Mr. J. S. Merritt, has now about completed his large and handsome new brick building, on Main Street, and it will be filled with a large stock of hardware in a few days by Messrs. J. A. Carver & Co.

Some time during the spring the hall will be occupied by the Roxboro Furniture Company. Mr. Merritt is building a good and handsome one, and it shows his desire in ornamenting and beautifying our town but shows explicit confidence in the Railroad prospect, a noble example in this is worthy of imitation.

Don't Experiment. You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's Discovery for Consumption, Cough, and Cold, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery which is guaranteed to give relief in all throat, lung and chest affections. Trial bottles free at all Drug Stores. Large Bottles \$1.

A Recent Poet. "Poets are born, not made," is a saying as true as it is old. One among this fortunate class was born in Roxboro, December 2nd, 1873. He is the son of pious parents and the object of many prayers. He now walks our streets a quiet ruddy, beardless youth with auburn hair and pleasant smiles for all who meet him. His genius quietly slumbered within the narrow limits of his well shaped head, almost unnoticed by those who knew him best, until February 22nd, 1888. When on this eventful night, this youth refusing to retire at the usual hour, and in a restless mood, gave vent to the fire which had been burning in his soul for months when his poetical genius poured forth and the following lines were born:

MY FIDDLE. I once went to a town To play on the fiddle, A crowd gathered round And I was in the middle.

But before I played I got on the stand, I spoke with my mouth And gazed with my hand.

One o' d men in the crowd Wouldn't believe what I said, So I took the end of my fiddle And cracked him on the head.

Then I sat down and played Till I couldn't play any more, Till my fiddle wore out And my fingers were sore.

The crowd began to disperse, I asked them to stay But they laughed at me And walked on away.

I ran after them all And asked them for a penny, But they all shook their heads And declared they hadn't any.

So I went on my way With a very heavy heart, Resolved in my mind Never again to this town start.

MORAL: Some money is lent, Or, some favor is done, When time comes to repay it They will be sure to run.

ANOTHER MORAL: If such poetry as this, can be written on such subjects as "fiddle" and fiddler, neither of which ever amount to much in this world, what would such genius do with subjects more worthy? AN OBERVIEW.

Renews Mar Youth. Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay county, Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and lameness, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle, 50c. and \$1. at all drug stores.

The Public Schools. No. 1. FINANCES. Since the war the following disbursements have been made:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Amount. Data includes years from 1871 to 1887 and corresponding financial figures.

The Constitution 1868 required the proceeds of the sales of swamp lands and the receipts from fines, forfeitures, penalties and certain other funds to be invested as an irrevocable fund, the interest of which alone was to be used for school purposes.

The Constitution as amended in 1875 while still requiring receipts from the same sources to be used for school purposes, gave to the General Assembly the power to distribute all school funds to the counties for immediate use. In 1876 the General Assembly enacted that the irrevocable fund should be retained but that it should not be increased except by the items mentioned in Art. 9, Sec. 4 of the Constitution from which nothing was received except from the sale of public lands, and but little from that source.

In 1881 the General Assembly directed that this fund should be distributed to the counties, and consequently in August 1881 a distribution of \$114,883.25 was made, and in November 1883, another of \$74,448.75 was made. The amounts were used by the county school authorities during the years 1882, 1883 and 1884 and swelled the amounts applied during those years to school purposes, as will appear by the figures given above.

The question is frequently asked why the counties now get no money from the State fund. The answer is that the legislation now on our statute books does not contemplate putting any money into the State Treasury for schools except such as comes from tax sets of incorporation by the General Assembly and from the sales of public lands. Receipts from these sources have as yet amounted to but very little. Our statutes leave all other school funds in the counties where collected to the end that they may be used as rapidly as possible. It has not been thought wise or proper for this poor generation to attempt to accumulate a permanent school fund.

During the years 1871 and 1873 there was a tax of 64 cents on the \$100 of property, after 1875 and until 1881 the tax on property was 84 cents on \$100 of property, and after 1881 it was 124 cents, at which figure it now stands.

In addition to this general property tax the Constitution applies at least three-fourths of all poll tax, both State and county to school purposes, which amounts to an average of about one dollar and fifty cents (when the limit of \$2.00 is reached the exact amount is \$1.50) on each poll that is collected.

The statutes apply now, and have for years, the fines forfeitures and penalties imposed by the Superior Courts and by the Justices of the Peace, most of the receipts from liquor licenses (all except from the wholesale license), receipts from auctioneers, estrays, articles of incorporation issued by County Superior Court Clerks, and tax on dogs.

From these sources our school funds so far as they are levied by the General Assembly, are derived, and the funds are not put into the State Treasury, but all are retained in the counties where they are raised.

In counties where the State taxes levied in the Revenue law and in the school law, and the county taxes levied by the commissioners including school taxes, do not amount to no more than 664 cents on \$100 of property, and \$2.00 on polls, the commissioners are required to levy enough tax, in addition to the funds secured under the general State levies as above mentioned, to continue the schools four months per annum.

In most counties, however, after providing for county expenses, the commissioners find so margin left for application to schools. Prior to the Supreme Court decision in Barksdale vs Commissioners of Sampson county, 93 N. C. Reports, the commissioners were required to have four months' terms whether or not they exceeded 664 cents tax on property and \$2.00 on polls. It will be noticed that the receipts for 1887 were \$23,263.98 less than they were in 1886, while the laws were just the same. The fall off in receipts is to be attributed to the decision referred to and to the failure, I think, of an unusually large number of persons to pay their poll taxes.

Some commissioners are now so managing county matters as to apply all the poll tax to schools, while others find that for ordinary purposes they do not need the full margin of 664 cents now left them by the General Assembly, and so levy something for schools as section 2590 of the school law requires them to do. The County Boards of Education press their claims upon the Boards of Commissioners and not infrequently the commissioners are brought to greater economy in their administration of county matters to be brought up to the four months that the Constitution requires as a minimum. I cannot too much commend such consideration on the part of the county commissioners, and can but cherish the hope that to the end that our school system may be made more effective and more popular, all the commissioners will do everything in their power to increase the funds. Let them do this and go to the limit. The money thus raised and applied, and indeed all school money under our system, stays at home—in the county where raised—and so does not impoverish either the county or State. It is not the money we raise and keep at home that impoverishes us, but the money we send abroad—a fact worth remembering and considering.

E. M. FROST, Supt. of Public Instruction.

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Mrs. Susan D. Henry, who has been quite sick for some time, we are glad to know is fast recovering and will soon be well again.

Miss Julia A. Coleman, of Guilford, who has been visiting her many friends in this county for several weeks returned to her home this week.

The bewitching smiles of Miss Ruthie C. Hurdle and Sallie M. Williams are throwing rays of cheerfulness this week among the Hillsboro people. They are visiting Miss Carrie K. Jones.

Mr. E. Long, of McCrays, has been in the neighborhood for several days past visiting his sick sister, Mrs. Betsey J. Whitfield.

Mr. W. H. Long is attending Hillsboro court this week.

Be sure you carry W. W. & Jno. R. Hill's load of fine tobacco for this special sale on the 26 inst. at the Flag Warehouse, South Boston, Va. You can get tobacco will sell well on that day, and there will be a number of buyers from other markets who has promised to be on hand and will bid liberally.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

TO THE FARMERS.—Feeling a deep interest in the welfare of my countrymen I have taken the liberty to write this letter that it may result in some good to that class of men "who pays for all" (the farmer) and the outlook for the coming crop of tobacco. The tobacco market like other markets is governed by supply and demand. We admit that the recent advance in prices have been of great benefit, but I am decidedly of the opinion that this sudden rise is no good reason why the planter should pitch a large crop for this year, hoping for some results next year. Ask yourself the question: what caused this sudden advance in prices? Was it the short crop in North Carolina and Virginia? No, sir. It was the short crop of Burley made in the West, which, for the past few years, has in a great measure taken the place of North Carolina and Virginia tobacco, and must, in a great measure, govern the prices of our tobaccos for some time to come. Encouraged as they have been for the past few years, it is reasonable to suppose that they will put forth every effort this year to raise a large crop, and we are informed that they are doing everything that can be done to pitch the largest crop of tobacco that has been pitched. You may put it down as a certainty, with good planting and fair seasons, they will have a heavy crop.

With these facts standing out before us, will it not inevitably weaken our prices and place us back to the low average made last year, when many sold their tobacco for less than the cost of production? Already newspapers are heralding to the world that North Carolina is preparing for a heavy crop. This even effects the price; but how will it be when the fact is established that North Carolina and Virginia have planted a larger crop than they have for years? What must be the result? It will be lower prices on the remainder of the crop on hand as well as the one to be marketed next year. Plant large crops and make the bulk of it come—if you want to see low prices—below the cost of production.

If you want to save your time and money, and be prosperous and happy, make your own fertilizer, buy but little. Plant a small crop without too much cost of labor, and make it good and cure it well, then your labor will not be in vain.

I verily believe it will always pay to raise fine yellow tobacco in the golden belt of North Carolina. If that is so, which every one must admit, then why not plant only such as you can make good and that demands a good price? I can say truthfully that my great desire is to see our farmers prosper. The fact is uncontrollable—large crops means low prices. It is for you to decide. You may say the buyers control the price, but you are very much mistaken, the farmer can do it, if you will not make more than there is demand for.

I would call your attention to the fact that conditions of affairs in Europe look warlike and war is predicted by many of our wisest and best men. Troops are marching on the frontier of Russia. Preparations are being made as fast as possible looking to war, and if it should come they must fill their immense armies principally with laboring men, those that drive the plow. That makes them then consumers and not producers. The result will be that they must, in a great measure, draw their supplies from the United States, then you will find that vessels with flapping sails from other seas and nations, will through our ports to carry our products to foreign lands. Raise more grain and be prepared to meet the demand for the various products of our soil. With my best wishes for the success and happiness of all, I am very respectfully,

JOHN S. LOCKHART. The above letter, as read by J. S. Lockhart before the Durham Tobacco Board of Trade, was unanimously endorsed, with the request that he have the same published. J. L. WATKINS, Chairman. LUCIUS TILLEY, Secretary. J. E. CHAMBERS, as well known in this county, is with Lockhart's Banner Warehouse.

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