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HOME ITEMS.

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The Yorkville News recently wrote that all editors use tobacco and put their feet on the table. Miss Mamie Hatchet, editor of the Orphans' Friend, of course taking it that using tobacco is what gives editors so much energy, makes apology for the dullness of her paper; and after quoting what the News says about tobacco and editors putting their feet on the table, she says the dullness of her paper is not attributable to a want of "natural ability, but to cramped energies and limited opportunities." The Democrat's observation is, that it doesn't help an editor to use tobacco, neither does it look well for any editor to put his feet on the table, nor is the Orphans' Friend a dull paper.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

Our Chicken Subscribers. In the winter it's cold and it's freezy, and we make our fire out of wood; in the summer it's warm and it's breezy, and they say spring chickens are good.

To accommodate readers and neighbors in winter we barter for wood; and in summer we take for our labors Spring chickens—it's well understood.

Our contracts for both have been entered. Our wood has come in pretty well. The chips have been raked and we've saved them.

Their value but few men can tell. But the other part, now, of the contract is not so fully filled out; and supplies of chickens, in fact, at THE DEMOCRAT'S house have played out.

So bring on your hens or your pullets—it makes little difference just now; we want some chickens, we'll give you—They must come, or we'll have a row.

Pay your subscription. Our list is still lengthening.

We return thanks to Mr. F. L. Bell for a nice basket of beans and cucumbers this week.

Master Leslie Allsbrook sent us a fine basket of fruit yesterday morning, which we enjoyed and for which we return thanks.

A prominent merchant in the town saw the circulation of THE DEMOCRAT and said he thought THE DEMOCRAT is on a boom. And so it is.

Impurities of the blood often cause great annoyance at this season; Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, and cures all such affections.

The hammers and saws have attracted our attention more recently than usual. Let them keep up the music of work until we get more houses.

It is said that a Shetland pony recently exhibited at Racine, Wis., is the smallest horse in the world, being 2 feet 5 inches high and 2 feet 3 inches long.

STREET WORK.—Main street near the Episcopal church needs working. The grass is too high and too thick. People going to church get their feet wet in rain or dew. Let the city fathers look after the matter.

If the proper attention has not already been paid to the cleanliness of the premises in the town, it ought to be looked after at once. Let our sanitary precautions be kept up during the hot season, and indeed all the year round.

John Hannon a colored boy, was thrown from Mr. Walter Gray's horse last Sunday while riding from town to Mr. Gray's home.

Too much care can not be exercised in putting small boys on wild horses.

MR. WILLIAMS' AD.—We call special attention to Mr. J. C. Williams' advertisement on the first page of this issue. He will open his undertaker's business again, and his many friends will again have the opportunity of favoring him with their patronage.

Blessed is the man that sits not in the seat of the kicker nor mingling himself in the congregation of the moss backs, but his delight is in new railroads, brick blocks, and to build up himself and his own town. And he shall be like an evergreen tree planted by the river of waters.

OUR CONSTITUTIONS.—We have again commenced the publication of our series—"Railroads and Railroad Commissioners." The second number appears in this issue. We also have engaged a humorist—a native North Carolinian—to write for THE DEMOCRAT. He comes before our readers this week under the name of "Sam Smokes."

Mr. R. Hyman, the clever photographer here, has recently made some photographs of the beautiful residences of Messrs. R. C. Josey, Dr. W. O. McDowell, and Noah Biggs. Also a fine photograph of the Episcopal church. Let us be made of these buildings with others in town and they will be of use when we get ready to give them a general write up.

Don't be deceived by fictitious or paid for certificates. All testimonials printed on our paper concerning the merit of B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) are true and genuine. Write Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga., for "Book of Wonders."

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From Ringwood

Since the heavy rains of a few weeks ago the weather has been such that it is not to be expected where the crops have been so much watered, the prospect, especially of wheat, is very bright. The wheat is now being harvested, it is not an average, but comes in opportunity and will raise a high price in the market. The Farmers' Alliance in this town can get in some good work by helping members who have been unfortunate in losing by the heavy rains, overflows, &c. No one should fail in his year's work if the combined efforts and exertions of his brethren can aid him out of his troubles. It is the grandest principle of the organization that those in distress and it should be conscientiously followed. Cotton brought a stand in looking luxurious, green and curly. Peaches reported abundant. Apples and pears not quite so many. There is considerable sickness among women and children in many sections around. Mrs. Neville, formerly Mrs. Elex Hamel, was killed by lightning on Wednesday. She had just called her husband to come in out of the weather, when the chimney was demolished killing her instantly. She lived in the Healthville section. Mr. H. S. Harrison, of the Meloe Vineyard, advises against the English sparrow. There are thousands around his place. They injured some of his early wheat and are pests generally. I learn they are *harmless, innocuous, innocuous*, but in no way insectivorous. John J. Garrett, Esq., the indefatigable "free government" persistent conversationalist and clever gentleman, know enervating the denizens of Ringwood with his amusing, presence. He wishes him men prosperity and a fruition of all his expectations in every direction he may take. Rev. Mr. Peelle, of Crosswells, preached an interesting sermon in town one night not long since. Many would be glad for him to preach again in the near future. Your editorial "Courage Still" was timely and appropriate. Much depends upon the young men now going forth upon the arena of life, and the future weal or woe of the State and country depends in a great manner upon them, but enough. "I never knew one who made a his business to lash the faults of others that was not guilty of greater ones himself." L. Vinson, Esq., has finest cotton, W. H. Jones and L. D. Johnson have finest gardens, J. B. Spruill has finest corn I've seen.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. H. Brewer is in town. Mr. Mason Harris returned to Norfolk Monday. Mr. R. R. Owens left Monday for Petersburg on business. Mrs. Woodall of Norfolk, is visiting Mr. E. P. Hyman's family near Hartswood. Mrs. Bell of Va., returned home Tuesday after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. R. R. Owens. Mrs. M. Oppenheimer left Monday for Roanoke, Va., where she will spend some weeks enjoying the mountain air.

Mr. R. H. Smith Sr., left Monday for Raleigh where he will attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Insane Asylum. Mr. B. G. Medford, of Oxford, was in town this week. His friends were glad to see him. He says he can not do without THE DEMOCRAT.

Mr. Chas. Pender returned Tuesday from Florida. He says Florida is a good country, but he shall not leave North Carolina again, he thinks. Col. F. M. Patcher was in town Monday night. He is deputy collector of the 4th district, and says that he thinks John Nichols will probably receive the appointment.

Mr. D. J. Aaron, of the Mount Olive Telegraph was in town Monday. He says that THE DEMOCRAT is improving. We hope to keep on improving. Bro. Aaron edits a good paper.

THE DEMOCRAT is pleased to see Mr. J. Frank Brinkley home for a few days. He has recently taken a position as traveling salesman for a large Boston shoe house, and is succeeding well.

Mrs. L. W. Bigley and family of Littleton are visiting their relatives, Mr. N. B. Josey's family. They were formerly residents of the town and all their friends are delighted to see them.

Rev. J. B. Swain, of York county, S. C., is at Nabala Presbyterian church for the summer. He comes amongst good people and they will treat him well. We welcome him and wish him success in his work.

Miss Annie Smith, of Hartswood, came down Monday on a visit to the family of Mr. W. A. Dunn. She has visited our town before, and our people were pleased with her acquaintance and are glad of her returning visit.

Mr. C. J. Gregory formerly of this place, late of Oxford, has gone to Sweet Home, Texas, where he will engage in a large hardware business. He is a fine young man and we wish him success. He could not part with THE DEMOCRAT, so it visits him there.