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"CAROLINA CAROLINA, HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS ATTEND HER."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. | NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**FRANK THORNTON**  
**ALWAYS AHEAD,**  
— OFFERS —  
**HIS SPRING GREETING.**

FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS I have been in the Northern and Eastern Markets making preparations for the SPRING AND SUMMER TRADE. I am at home again, and my purchases are daily arriving on every train and steamer. To avoid the use of any old, stereotyped phrase, I will simply enumerate some of the Novelties.

**DRESS GOODS.**

Of course Woollen will be worn, and especially early in the season. Here I can show every attraction in any color or material desired.

**COLOR DRESS SILKS.**

I have added to this particular department until the assortment is perfect. What more could you ask than to be able to get exactly what you want?

**BLACK SILKS.**

I exhibit a full line of these goods in all the qualities that we have always been familiar with, besides such new makes as French Armures, Satin in Duches, Satin Rhodame Tricoe and other novelties.

**Mourning Goods.**

With Jet Black Cashmeres from the cheapest to the best, and old fashioned Raven Black Alpaca, occasionally wanted. I have the goods of the day. Spanish Noted Nuns Veiling, Batiste Cloth, Italian Cord French Nuns Veiling, Catch Long, Silk Wrap Henrietta Cloth and Siberian Crapes.

**WASH FABRICS.**

THESE Goods are shown this season in greater variety than ever before, and promise to be very popular. Fallure to Toilet du Nord in Plaids, Checks and Solid Colors, Batiste Cloth Tuffed, plain and figured, Crinkled, gersackers in 8 stripes, Checks and Solid Colors, Foulard's in good assortment, and the new Satens and Ginghams.

**Zephyr Cloth.**

THIS is an entirely new production in dress material for Summer Wear. It is just perfectly lovely and I want every lady to see it.

**DRESS TRIMMINGS.**

COSETS—every size in all popular makes. Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Curtain Goods and everything else.

**BUTTERICKS DRESS PATTERNS.**

I am sole Agent for these Celebrated Patterns, and can supply a Lady with any pattern desired. A full, complete and perfect line always on hand.

**ORDERS AND SAMPLES BY MAIL**

WE make a special feature of this Department. Orders for samples are selected and cheerfully forwarded, and orders for goods are accorded the same attention as if the purchaser were present in person.

**FRANK THORNTON,**  
**FAYETTEVILLE, N. C**

**WHERE TO BUY YOUR DRUGS**

**T. R. HOOD,**  
**DRUGGIST**

THE OLDEST DRUG HOUSE IN SMITHFIELD!

We did remind my friends that his house is now filled with a select stock of

**PURE DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, STATIONERY**

TOILET ARTICLES, BOOKS, CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

**ICE COLD SODA AND VARIOUS MINERAL WATERS,**

I HAVE THE AGENCY FOR THE CELEBRATED

**I. B. SEELEY RUBBER TRUSSES!**

I GUARANTEE A PERFECT FIT IN THESE GOODS.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PAINTING SOON, CALL AT MY STORE AND GET A COLOR SHEET AND EXAMINE MY LARGE STOCK OF

**WHITE LEAD, OILS AND COLORS.**

H. D. BLAKE  
Late of Williamson & Blake,  
Smithfield, N. C.

JOHN B. BLAKE  
Late of Dewar & Blake,  
Raleigh, N. C.

**BLAKE BROTHERS,**

SUCCESSORS TO

**WILLIAMSON AND BLAKE.**

Will continue the grocery and provision business at the old stand.

Heavy and fancy groceries, hardware, tin ware, crockery, &c., meat, meal, flour, lard, sugar, coffee, molasses, star lye, Horsford's bread preparation, all grades chewing and smoking tobaccos, Rail Road Mills, Gail and Ax, Ralph's and Egerton snuffs, at wholesale or retail.

**FARMING UTENSILS.**

Shovels, Hatchets, Hames, Traces, Backbands, Hooks, Single Trees, Cotton Rope and a thousand other things the farmer is bound to have.

Agents for the Following Reliable Brands of Fertilizers

PIEDMONT "SPECIAL" for Cotton and Corn.

PIEDMONT GUANO, for Tobacco.

POCOMOKE, EDDY STONE, L. & R. ACID & L. & R. Ammoniated.

OWL BRAND.

Supplies will be advanced on crop time where suitable arrangements are made.

Very Respectfully,

**BLAKE BROTHERS.**

**The Smithfield Herald.**

F. T. BOOKER, PROPRIETOR.

One Dollar & Fifty Cents per year.

Entered in the Post Office at Smithfield a Second Class matter

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1887.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

MARCH 7, 1887.

Board met according to adjournment, all of the commissioners present.

Journal of previous meeting read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's quarterly report was received and ordered registered.

The fee for recording Magistrate official reports fixed at 30 cents.

The Sheriff's quarterly report received and ordered registered.

Randall Moore relieved from paying poll tax for the year 1886.

Report of Supervisors of Boon Hill Township, accepted.

The order excluding all from outside "pauper list" except blind, insane and idiotic, revoked.

Three jail birds were hired out till cost in their cases are paid.

Nathan Lassiter relieved from taxes and cost for 1885.

License to retail spirituous liquors till 1st of July, 1887, granted J. W. Worrell.

The following accounts were allowed:

A. M. Sanders, \$1 letting and receiving Walter Moore bridge;

T. S. Thain, \$1.30 examining James Barnes, lunatic; F. T. Booker, \$10.87 for publishing proceedings of Board and notice to Paupers; Y. B. Smith, \$1.50 registering 50 voters in Meadow Township; J. H. Eason, \$1 letting bridge across White Oak;

H. B. Turner, \$3 receiving Wilson's Mills bridge; B. R. Hood, \$5 burial expenses of unknown pauper; D. W. Fuller, \$4 for 4 pair blankets; W. B. Surles, \$10.40 boarding paupers; David Williams, \$3.60 serving 6 road orders; D. A. Bizzell, \$12 for 6 days as officer to grand jury; J. G. Rose, \$5 examining Jacob Houlder, lunatic; J. T. Barham, \$18 calling court 9 days; Mary Alford, \$12 boarding jurors; Edwards, Broughton & Co., \$24 for 3 record books for Register of Deeds; D. W. Fuller, \$62.96 court expense spring term 1887; J. D. Morgan, \$22.25 sundry services as clerk to Board; B. C. Woodard, \$120 building bridge across Quoioxon; L. P. Creech, \$2 letting and receiving bridge across Quoioxon; M. H. Hardee, \$8.50 repairing White Oak bridge; B. H. Ellington, \$1.50 carrying Matthew Cogdell to jail; J. L. Banks, \$2 letting and receiving White Oak bridge; W. H. Oneal, \$1 examining Jacob Houlder, lunatic; W. H. Mason, \$6.06 repairing Hardy bridge; Kearney Eason, \$10 sundry services at court; L. R. Waddell, \$28.09 sundry services as clerk to Superior court; W. H. Oneal, \$2 letting and receiving Hardy bridge; W. N. Rose, Jr., \$56.70 for half fees on insolvent tax list for 1885; L. M. Jernigan, \$1.50 conveying Oscar Cogdell to jail; W. L. Riley, \$87.80 boarding prisoners in jail and turn keys; G. S. Wilson, \$76 boarding paupers at poor house; W. L. Woodall, \$2.25 table for grand jury room; D. A. Thain, \$4.80 serving 8 road orders; T. S. Thain, \$1.30 examining Jacob Houlder, lunatic; P. T. Massey, \$3 for rubber stamp for Treasurer and postage on same; W. H. Lancaster, \$1.20 serving 2 road orders; Wm. Croom, \$2 repairing locks on insane cell of jail; L. R. Waddell, \$7.15 stationery for clerks office; J. D. Massey, \$4.65 jury fees case State vs. Troy Wilkins; F. F. Ellis, \$6.60 two days as County Commissioner, one day visiting poor house, and mileage 12 miles; G. G. Edgerton, \$8.40 2 days as county commissioner, 1 day visiting poor house, and mileage 43 miles.

The following allowances were made to the outside poor:

Thomas Dunn, insane, James Bunda, blind, Hepsie Phillips, insane, \$12 each; Eliha Coley, blind, Rachel Tomlinson, blind, \$2 each; Civil Peoples, insane, \$9; Pherabee Massengill, insane, \$6.

Adjourned.

**STATE NEWS.**

—Saturday last Major Lotts, a prominent resident of Durham county, died of paralysis.

—Last Sunday the tobacco-packing house of Walter Hunt, near Durham, was burned, with 7,500 pounds of tobacco. No insurance.

—Two prominent physicians of Asheville, fought on the streets of that city one day last week. Friends parted them before much damage was done.

—The death sentence of John Cardwell, a white man, who was to have been hanged at Wilkesboro' April 19th, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

—Lucian Rowe (colored), convicted of burglary at Durham, has been sentenced to be hanged Thursday, March 31st. He has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court.

—The county of New Hanover has, it is said, voted down the proposition to subscribe \$100,000 to the capital stock of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina railway.

—Friday morning of last week General John J. Whitehead died at his home at Raleigh. He was a native of Duplin county, and was widely known in the State as an insurance agent.

—Isaac Evans (colored) is in jail at Fayetteville, to be tried for his life for burglary at the residence of Major Jonathan Evans, in Cumberland county. He was captured Tuesday last week.

—The next annual meeting of the stockholders of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. will be held at Walnut Cove, April 5th. A grand excursion will be run from Fayetteville and Greensboro on that occasion.

—Thompson Snodgrass, an aged citizen of Durham county, was found dead in New-Hope creek recently. He is supposed to have died of heart-disease and fallen into the stream, which is very shallow.

—Forest fires have been raging in all directions in this end of the county. Great damage has been done to fences. Mrs. J. C. Garner lost all her fences, all her corn and meat; with much difficulty her dwelling was saved.—Beaufort Record.

—Hon. A. M. Waddell, of Wilmington, will deliver the oration at the forty-ninth annual commencement of the Medical College of Virginia, Thursday, March 31, at 8 p. m., at the Richmond theatre. Richmond, Va.—News and Observer.

—The Carolina Central Railroad Company has sued Rutherford county for \$27,000 principal and \$63,000 accrued interest on bonds of that road in 1859. The Carolina Central railroad claims to be the successor of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford railroad.

—Lion H. Rogers, of Alexander county, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide recently. Sitting in front of a mirror he cut his throat with a pocket-knife then went to bed and pulled the covering over him. He was discovered just in time. Physicians think his life can be saved.

—President Bryan, of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, is pushing with the utmost dispatch the work of laying new rail, and is getting the road in better order than ever before. All the new rail is steel. It will be laid from Morehead to Kinston by June 1st, it is now expected.

—Mr. J. A. Harbin, of Statesville, is the owner of a hen which the other day came off with a brood of chickens. They had hardly opened their eyes on the beauties of this world before a rooster, perhaps their own father, pounced down on three of them and ate them in Mr. Harbin's sight.

—Two deaths from accidental burns were reported last week. Jessie Powers, aged sixteen, of Iredell county, is one victim. Her clothing caught fire as she stood near the fire-place. She ran out of the house, her mother pursuing; but before the latter caught her she was so horribly burned as to be almost unrecognizable. The other victim of the flames was a girl in Davie county.

**COMMUNICATED.**

**GLENWOOD NOTES.**

Some of our young men attended the closing exercises of Wentworth High School, on 19th. They report a "splendid time." A sumptuous supper was prepared for everybody, and all seemed to enjoy "tripping the light fantastic." It is gratifying to know that the past session has been the most prosperous in the history of the school.

Mr. H. C. McNeill visited Morehead City last week.

They begin it soon hereabouts. One of our smaller school boys (about eight years old) escorted an equally small girl out to the Lecture last Friday evening; and this petit bit of would be womanhood proudly said to a less fortunate (?) girl, "I took hold of him too!" The next we know we may expect to find a Romeo and Juliet at telecatele on the nursery flower—sidelong glances and choaking sighs from youngsters yet to small too spank!

Don't forget to tell your friends far and near, of the 4th of May, 1887—a "red letter" date in our school calendar. Everything is moving forward grandly as to preparations for the close of school—all are determined to eclipse their record. Abundant accommodation will be provided, so you may come with the assurance that you will not be pressed to death by "scrouging."

One of our farmer friends one day last week, went out on a collecting tour, taking along his mule and cart to be sure of bringing back all the spoils of the day and about noon he returned with a very woe-begone expression about his countenance. On examining his load (!), we found only a much worn "back-band" reposing serenely in the bottom of the cart. That was a big half-day's work, friend—may your "back-band" never grow less.

Mr. C. H. Tripp left us last week. He goes to Harnett Co., where he will open a school at an early day. We are all sorry to give up Mr. Tripp—the ladies especially regret his departure, and they echo the sentence, "I are sorry to leave you!" The Lecture was well attended, on 25th. E.

**SCHOOL CLOSED.**

The closing exercise of the school, taught by Mr. J. W. Benson, at the Barbour school house, took place Friday March 18 1887.

I found it a grand exhibition. It was a cold day, but there was a large crowd assembled to see and hear the little students, as most of them were quite small, as they came forward with almost unsurpassable bravery, and did credit to themselves and honor to their teacher.

The exercise began at 10 o'clock p. m. with an interesting programme, which we omit for want of space. Soon after the intermission was given the patrons, and good people of the community spread their tables, invited their guests, and all came together in mutual enjoyment, and the young men were just as busy talking to the girls as ever you saw, two old women talking about their indigo patches. After a short recess, the crowd was called together by the teacher, to hear an eloquent address delivered by Mr. J. W. Stephenson, which contained many important facts. He was followed by his father with a few words of commendation and advice. Next and last came Mr. John R. Coats, with an educational address that aroused the old farmers to a full sense of duty in regard to modern education.

Taking a birds-eye view of the close of Mr. Benson's school, I consider it a grand success. Judging from the promptness with which the children spoke and acted, I am almost sure that Mr. Benson is naturally gifted in the management of children in the school room.

Bidding you God-speed in your work and the pursuits thereof I will close. Yours truly,

A FRIEND.

**PENNY ITEMS.**

The farmers of this vicinity are busy preparing to plant. We are proud to see such effort put forth by the farmers, for we know that if their labor is rewarded

with exuberant crops that there will be brighter hopes for the publishers and school teachers.

The public school at Shiloh closed Friday night, the 19 inst. The teacher, Prof. Hines, is a young man of high attainments and rare ability.

It is with much regret that we hear of the continued illness of Mrs. J. L. Banks. We wish her a hasty recovery.

Our office was honored with the presence of two of Smithfield's fairest young bells Saturday night the 20 inst. The angelic smiles of one of them seemed to work with magic power on our clever young Post-master. The young man whose good fortune it was to meet them though he was suffering intensely from a cold, speaks pleasantly of them and the impression they left, and expresses his desire of meeting them again ere long. Will you not come again, "fair ones?"

We know there is nothing that adds to the wealth and progress of a county so much as industry in the forms of new inventions, etc., therefore I claim wealth, fame and renown for our county as a reward for the instruments offered to patentees. It is believed by everybody in the community, who know anything about the circumstances, that there can be a certain patent, (Patton) procured for one Penny. But don't forget it is a dear Penny that is to pay the debt.

AGRICULTURE.

**A PRAYER SENT UP FOR REPORTERS.**

[St. Paul Letter in Chicago Times.]

In the Senate this morning Chaplain Allison startled the august body by closing his prayer with a word for the newspaper men. He said: "And now, dear Lord, bless the reporters, whose nimble pen catch our every word almost before it is uttered. Like Thyself, they are omnipresent. If we take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth, they are there. They meet us in the jungles of Africa, they waylay us in the solitary canyons of Colorado, and when at length we find the latitude of the magnetic pole, behold they are there. May their light and goodness be equal to their power, and when the General Assembly of Heaven convenes let no reporter be excluded. Amen."

**VIRGINIA POLITICS.**

W. C. Mac Bride reports an interesting interview with Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, in the Cincinnati Enquirer, in which the following occurs:

"Tell me about Mahone. Will he be as powerful in the politics of your State as he once was?"

The Governor, after some hesitation, said: "Mahone is a very good politician. In the campaign we will have this fall a Legislature is to be chosen which will elect a United States Senator to succeed Riddleberger. I have no doubt in my own mind but that Mahone is a candidate for the Senatorship. If, however, he lets that be known he will not have the influence in the campaign he might otherwise have. You see, there are three factions in the Republican party. One is the Straight-outs, led by Wickham; another led by ex-Governor Cameron, who is opposed to Mahone, and then those who call themselves the Readjusters. Now, in a canvass as simply against the Democratic party, these forces, if united, would put the Democrats to superhuman effort to hold the State. If it be known, though, that Mahone seeks to carry the Legislature to ride into the United States Senate, they will split up, and, of course, such a division is to Democratic advantage."

"Will the electoral vote of Virginia be cast for the next Democratic national ticket?"

"I think it will," was the Governor's answer. "Still, to secure it there must be complete harmony and union in the Democratic lines. Take the average of two hundred and fifty thousand votes cast in Virginia, and one hundred thousand are negro votes. This leaves one hundred and fifty thousand white votes. Of course, all the white vote is not Democratic. The margin is in favor of the Democrats, but if there is not complete union there is always danger."

**IN THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE.**

[From Arkansas Traveler.]

Member from Sandstone Knob.—"Mr. Speaker, I hope, sir, that you will let me have a few minutes time in which to place myself square on the record. Yesterday evening Mr. Buckley Brown, from Gum Bottoms, said that I had accepted the present of a new hat from the railroad superintendent, and hinted, in a way inclined to string a sensitive man, that I had practically sold myself. I should like to know if there is anything in our constitution that prevents a man from accepting presents. I say there is not, and, sir, when our constitution arises and says that I shan't take everything that is given to me, then will I say, 'Mr. Constitution, attend to your own affairs.' Mr. Speaker, I am a present taker, and as an encouragement to those who contemplate giving me something, let me say my capacity for taking presents, although well developed, has not been overtaxed. I may also say that the man who won't take a hat and thereby save himself the expense of buying one, is composed of a mixture of fool, liar and thief. I'd be afraid to meet such a man away out in the woods. I would feel sure that he would knock me down and rob me. I know of an affair in my county that strongly illustrates the dishonesty of men who are afraid to accept presents. A red-bearded fellow named Watson, went to work for old man Clark, and made himself so useful that Clark, who well knew how to appreciate merit, went to him and said:

"Watson, I never had a man that I think more of than I do you."

"Much obliged to you," replied Watson.

"And I have decided," Clark continued, "to give you my daughter, Lorena."

"Much obliged to you," said Watson, "but I ain't acceptin' any presents."

"Well, Mr. Speaker, that man was so honest that he would not accept the daughter as a present, but the next day he ran away with Clark's wife. Since then I have been extremely suspicious of men who are too high-toned to accept presents, and to keep other fair-minded men from suspecting me, I have determined to refuse nothing."

**AVERA'S MILL NOTES.**

Spring, the most beautiful of the seasons has come, and the farmers are hard at work preparing their lands for the year's crop. They are not using near so much guano as heretofore: We think this is a wise step.

The fishing season has commenced, and the fisherman report the creek as full of shad, though they don't catch many the weather being too cold and the water too low and clear.

The young people are talking of having a grand picnic at Avera's Mill in the near future. We hope they may succeed.

Mrs. Simeon Massey is having a handsome residence two stories high with an L built near here.

The farmers report all the peaches and plums killed by the recent cold snap.

The health of this section is very good.

It is not at all uncommon to hear people say the HERALD is one of the best papers that they take. Success to it.

RUSTIC.

**PUGNACIOUS LAWYERS.**

At Newberry, South Carolina, on the 26th ult., while a case was progressing before trial Justice Bleaz, Geo. Johnstone and John B. Jones, attorneys representing parties to the suit, pulled their pistols and opened fire on each other. Nine shots were fired. Johnstone was shot through the right ear, in the left arm and in the thigh, but not seriously hurt. Jones was shot through the body and perhaps fatally wounded. In trying to stop the firing Lawyer Comer had three holes shot through his clothing. The court room was crowded at the time of the affray. Both Johnstone and Jones are highly connected and are among the most prominent men in the community.