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## LOCAL NEWS.

**Journal Miniature Almanac.**  
Sun rises, 5:46; Length of day, 13 hours, 36 minutes.  
Moon sets at 11:33 p. m.

**April.**  
All-Fools' day.  
Ward meetings to-night.  
March closed quietly but coolly.  
How many in the 3rd Ward will be fooled to-night?  
Beef, fresh pork and chickens were hard to find in the market yesterday.  
The one bale, the lonely sentinel, is all that was left on the cotton platform yesterday evening.  
Five new pupils were enrolled at the Graded School yesterday. The total number now is 505.  
The schooner *Frank S. Hall*, Capt. Dowdy, from Rockport, Maine, is in with a cargo of ice for Watson & Daniels.  
The pea crop near the city can now be put down to one-third of an average crop. The light soils will hardly make anything.  
We approve of the position Mr. A. W. Wood takes in his card of this morning. Councilmen should be elected on their own merits and not on those of persons they may support for office.  
Mr. W. S. Edmunds and family leave for their home in Virginia this morning. They have spent several winters here and have made many warm friends. They expect to spend next winter at Kinston.

**Land for Sale.**  
We call attention to the advertisement in this issue of Mrs. Lucy J. Parker of a farm for sale in Jones county. It is a splendid opportunity for any one wanting to purchase a small farm. Having lived in the neighborhood for three or four years, we can vouch for its healthfulness.

**William J. Best.**  
It seems that the exact standing of William J. Best with regard to his management of the Pacific Bank affairs is hard to ascertain. Some time ago a Washington paper was sent us giving the conclusions of a legislative committee that had examined the matter and completely vindicated Mr. Best in the management of that concern. But now here comes the Boston *Herald* containing the testimony of Hon. A. A. Ranney, counsel for the receiver, before the committee on banking and currency. Mr. Knox, the comptroller, in stating what information he wanted Mr. Ranney to give to the committee, said Mr. Best had written a history of the Pacific National Bank, in which he said some very severe things about the comptroller, the attorney of the bank, Mr. Coleman, its president, and the receiver; but the things he had said about these gentlemen were not nearly as severe as the things he had said about himself. Mr. Knox further stated that—

"It is plain to the committee that, however he may have gained his experience, he has now no very enviable reputation as a manager of financial matters. I understand that, when he started in life—and I honor him for it—his occupation was that of house painter; I honor him for being one. He certainly has not given satisfaction as an accountant. He is not a good historian, but he is probably a good house painter."  
In reply to Mr. Knox's request that Mr. Ranney state some of Mr. Best's relations to this bank, Mr. Ranney replied: "I have been, Mr. Chairman, one of the counsel for the receiver, Mr. Price. I have had, however, as counsel, charge of some special matters. The general business of the collection of debts due to the bank and the receiver has been in charge of Richard Stone, jr., of the firm of Morse & Stone. I have been"

**ADVISORY COUNSEL OF THE RECEIVER,**  
and have had charge of three special matters. One of them was a matter connected with Mr. Best of this nature: Mr. Carruth of Deaborn & Carruth, had borrowed from the bank about \$50,000, may be a little more. He had given a transfer to the bank of an income which was due to him from an estate left by his father in trust. His father had left about \$70,000 or \$80,000 in trust with a man named Miles Washburn; the income alone was to be paid to Carruth yearly or semi-annually. He had transferred that income to the bank as security for his indebtedness of about \$50,000. I found that, after Mr. Best came into the bank after the failure, Miles Washburn, the trustee, had resigned. Mr. Best was appointed trustee in his place by the probate court. I found that Best had been appointed trustee, and had given three bonds—bonds which are probably worthless. Instead of keeping the trust fund, he had sold and disposed of the whole of it, and, so far as I can learn through the investigation, he had given to Carruth a large portion of the principal sum, which he was bound to hold as trustee. He had taken a portion of it and invested it in some railroad enterprise about 60 miles to his right

**Steamboat Rules.**  
At the annual meeting of the Board of Supervising Inspectors of steam vessels, held at Washington City, in January and February last, the rules and regulations were reclassified, and will be printed for circulation at an early date. We publish, however, in advance, for the information of persons interested, the following in reference to issuing license to engineers and pilots, namely: "No original license shall be issued to any person to act as engineer, except for special license on small pleasure steamers, who cannot read and write, or who has not served at least three years in the engineer's department of a steam vessel, or as a regular machinist in a machine works, provided that any person who has served for a period of three years as a locomotive or a stationary engineer may be licensed to act as engineer on steam vessels after having had not less than one year's experience in the engineer's department of a steam vessel."

"No original license for any route shall be issued to any person (except for special license on small pleasure steamers and ferryboats outside commercial ports) who has not been employed in the deck department of a steamer or sail vessel for a term of at least three years preceding the application for license."  
Rule 47 forbids the issue of license to pilots, except on the certificate of a surgeon of the marine hospital service, that the applicant is physically capable of distinguishing the colored signal lights, and to engineers unless they can properly hear the bell and whistle signals."

**All-fools Day.**  
To-day every body must look out for catches, sells and deceptions of all kinds, as it has been from a remote period an occasion for many unwonted liberties in that line.  
Age, dignity, circumspection nor even austerity are sufficient safeguards against the insidious attack of the glib and fun-loving portion of the community. Prudence, watchfulness and caution are our only protection, and that of our own exercise, for we are all lemmings for one day; every body's hand is against us and our hand is against every body; no warning whisper will admonish us to let the neatly-tied package on the sidewalk be, nor advise us not to kick the suspicious looking encumbrance off the highway, but will put up annoying giggles when we go hobbling off with a grin of anything else but mirth; and with feelings about equally divided between pain from our last experiment and desire to repeat it on the fellow that laid the trap for our unsuspecting eagerness to clear the way.  
Neighbors will feel an unusual desire that we should share the delicacies of their sumptuous board, and dispatch under cover of a neat napkin, a nicely prepared custard of soap-suds. Fritters lined with cotton and apple dumplings of anything but the usual ingredients, and then laugh when we tell them how we cut our dinner short, for the purpose of doing full honor to their kind hospitality. These tricks, and cautions to look overhead for danger, startling announcements that we have dropped something, and a hundred devices to fool us, will throw our pathway today. So then let every one summon up moral courages to meet them; determine not to "get mad" about it, and move for this occasion under the full command of "good temper" and no serious results need be expected.  
This April-fool business has another side, however, and many people get fooled by over caution and determination not to be fooled. We have a few notable instances in mind: One was that of a good old Christian lady, remarkable for her politeness and refined manners, who was walking the street of a city and some venturesome gamin pinned a paper on her shawl. Some young gentleman of like characteristics to hers, passed by her, raised his hat with great deference and said: "Madam, some one has pinned a paper on your shawl!" Taking in the situation at once, the good old lady administered a sharp rebuke in telling him he should be ashamed of himself for "trying to fool an old lady like me," but her feelings were changed towards him when, on reaching home and removing her shawl, she found that he had only been actuated by true gentility and not by the spirit that she had supposed. In relating it afterwards she always insisted that it was the worst April-fool ever played on her and her caution the cause.

A gentleman from the country had bought a fine piece of silk, which the merchant wrapped in a neat bundle for him; on the street it slipped from his package of bundles and the loss was not discovered until an hour had elapsed. Of course a search on the street for it was of but little promise, but sure

enough he did find it lying just as it had fallen and received, on being picked up, a full round of shouts, "April fool! April fool!" from a bevy of urchins who had been carefully watching it to see some one get April fooled, and haven't yet found out who was the April fool in the matter.

**BAPTISTS IN COUNCIL.**  
SECOND DAY.  
Union Meeting assembled at the appointed hour.  
Religious exercises by Rev. W. B. Oliver.  
Minutes of Friday read and approved.  
The clerk read the first question for discussion, "Systematic Giving," which was taken up and ably discussed by Revs. Sandlin and Jenkins, Messrs. Hancock and Wooten.  
The hour having arrived for Rev. Mr. Kennedy to address the Union on the "Warsaw High School," he arose and gave a brief sketch of the history of the school, its relation to the Association, its present standing and influence, that certain repairs were needed on the building, and asked for what aid those present felt able to give. Other remarks were made by Dr. R. H. Lewis, Rev. Mr. Jenkins and F. W. Hancock. An amount of money was raised for said purpose, when a recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock a sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Jones from Acts 17th chapter, 22nd and 23rd verses. Subject: "True Religion."  
**EVENING SESSION.**  
At 2 o'clock Union assembled according to adjournment. Reading and prayer by F. W. Hancock.  
Dr. W. B. Knight announced that he would receive for any money for *Biblical Recorder*.  
The Clerk read question No. 2, "How to reach the destitute in the bounds of this Association." The question was taken up and remarks made by Messrs. J. W. Drane, F. W. Hancock, J. M. Wooten, Revs. C. A. Jenkins, W. B. Knight, W. M. Kennedy and G. W. Sanderlin.  
Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-night by Rev. W. B. Oliver, Sunday School Mass Meeting Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Kennedy, and at night by Rev. R. C. Sanderlin.  
A letter was read by Rev. W. M. Kennedy from Rev. R. T. Bryan, who is now at the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., preparing himself as a missionary to China, desiring to spend his vacation as a missionary in the destitute portion of this Association.  
Rev. Mr. Sanderlin desired Mr. Bryan to spend at least two weeks with his churches. Mr. Joyner wished his services at La Grange for a week or two.  
A vote of thanks was offered to this church, its members and the citizens of Kinston for the hospitality to the delegates and visitors.  
On motion, the Union Meeting now adjourned to meet at the time and place to be appointed by the executive committee. Rev. Mr. Cashwell to preach the introductory sermon and R. C. Sanderlin alternate.  
Adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

**A Card.**  
I desire the citizens of the 3rd ward to distinctly understand that I have not committed myself or pledged to any one for any place in the gift of the Councilmen of this city, the assertions of my opponents to the contrary notwithstanding. If I am elected I go into office untrammelled and unpledged.  
ALPHRUS W. WOOD.

**Currency.**  
"Nil fuit unquam Tam dispar sibi."  
Knight:—"OPPORTUNITY—a year old: To be, or not to be? That is the question: O, for a blast of that dread horn On Fontoraban echoes borne, When Rowland shaves and Olivier, And many a pallid and peer, On Ranzavalles fell; Fling the window up! I'll look upon the stars. Where twinkle now The Pleiades? Pylodes and Orestes! Damon and Pythias! I almost believe That two, or one, are almost what they seem! Our star Hath had elsewhere its setting, And now cometh from afar; They say He was born when the crab was ascending, And all his affairs go backward; But, you see, this seed, This little seed, some laugh'd at in the dark; Has risen and cleft the soil, and grown a bulk Of spangles girth. The Wood-men with their axes: lo the trees! But we will make it fagots for the hearth, And shape it plank and beam for roof and floor, And boats and bridges for the use of man—Quilf, boy, bring Hingara and Spoon, my boy."

**Swansboro Items.**  
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About 3 o'clock she gave an excursion down the channel. Could you have been there to see the young ladies that came here on this occasion promote the deck of the boat, would perhaps have wished you were young and single, too. The Misses Holland—Kitty and Emma—Misses Nannie Hewitt, Annie Fonville, Minnie Ward and Alice Russell were among the young ladies on board. After the excursion the boat left her wharf, about 5 p. m., for Beaufort, N. C., with understanding that she come back immediately, go up White Oak river, get turpentine for different parties, come back to our place, then go to New river, on to Jacksonville, if needed, get turpentine for Marine and others, go back to Beaufort with her load, then come back here again, and go to New river and Jacksonville again, and to be there the first Monday in April at the meeting of the directors.

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