

Local Matters

—For rent! 4 room cottage. Apply to W P Bennett. 3t

—Florida Cotton Seed, 75 cts per bushel. H M Culp, R F. D. No. 4, Lancaster. 3t

—Mrs. L. L. Ford, of Laurinburg, N. C., is on a visit to her parents at this place.

—It was reported Wednesday that Modie Thomas, the negro who escaped from the chain gang here recently, had been captured in Yorkville, but the negro caught there was not Modie.

—Major Connors visited his daughter in Columbia this week.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hammond, of the Primus section, April 12, 1905, a son.

—Mrs. C. D. Jones and Miss Meta Jones, of Lancaster, were in the city for the Winthrop play Monday night.—Rockhill Record.

—The witnesses in the Skipper case recently tried in Winnsboro, are being paid off here this week. The aggregate amount is something over \$1,000.

—One Thousand bushels slightly damaged corn meal at 50 cents per bushel.

Bennett Grocery Co.

—Mr. Robert Flynn of Lancaster spent a couple of days in the city this week in attendance upon court. He is clever, and we were glad to meet him again.—Camden People.

—Mr. R. J. Glenn returned home Wednesday. He has made quite a tour in the North since he left here March 1st to witness the inaugural ceremonies, having visited New York City, the Niagara Falls and other places of interest in the empire state.

—Bethel Presbytery convened with Aimwell church at Ridge-way last Tuesday. Rev. W. L. Lingle was made moderator, and W. A. Hafner assistant clerk. About 60 delegates were in attendance. Rev. Dr. Frazer and Elder R. T. Beaty represented the Lancaster church.

—List of letters advertised for week ending, April 15, 1905: Messrs. Ed. White, Lamson Horse, Jim Wright, James Knight care A. N. Adams, Luther Knight, Jim Williams, W. H. Greer. Mrs. Maggie Johnson. Misses Lizzie Fletcher, Mami Btsoun, Patsy Barber, Dosley Kennington. JAS. F. HUNTER, P. M.

The Charlotte Observer, which for years has been one of the Ledger's most valued exchanges, has failed to come to us this week. We have missed our old friend not little, for it reaches Lancaster at 7 a. m. on the day of publication, about four hours ahead of the arrival of even our State dailies, and has been giving us the news at the breakfast hour when otherwise we would have to wait until just before the midday meal.

—For Rent! 4-room cottage on Dunlap street. Also 2 3-room cottages on French street and 3 3-room cottages on Arch street. Apply to T. S. Carter, Agt.

—Mr. Roy Strait, of the Ledger force, is spending a few days in Rock Hill this week. His place is being filled by Mr. John B. Buckner an experienced printer, who is stopping over here for a few days en route from Florida to his old home at Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Strait has about consummated a big deal with the Excelsior Granite Company. He sells the company 1000 acres of his granite lands—about one-third of his Cedar Creek place—for \$15,000 in cash and one-third interest in the company's stock, which is capitalized at \$200,000. A branch railroad will be built from the quarry to Heath Springs.—Review.

—Pay for The Ledger.

Another Confederate Veteran Has Gone to His Reward.

Mr. E. W. Mothershed, an aged citizen of the county, who served throughout the four years of the war in DePass' artillery and made a good soldier, died last Monday afternoon, April 10, 1905. He was about 75 years of age, and leaves surviving him seven sons, viz: Jas. R., J. S., W. J., E. M., Robert, Oscar and Thos. Mothershed, all of whom reside in this county except the latter who lives at Tampa, Fla. Mr. Mothershed's remains were interred at New-hope Tuesday.

Aaron Williams Granted a New Trial

Aaron Williams, the negro who was to have been hanged at Camden for the rape of Mrs. Langley last year, was granted a new trial last Thursday by the court now in session at Camden, on the ground of after discovered evidence. The court thought the affidavits presented sufficient to justify ordering a new trial.

Barn and Stables of Dr. J. D. Nisbet Burned.

On Wednesday afternoon last the large new barn and stables, together with the windmill and several hundred dollars worth of grain and roughness at the Nisbet home about three miles north of Van Wyck, was destroyed by fire, the origin of which is not known. Only an hour or so before the fire farm hands all went into the stables with their stock out of a shower of rain. It is possible that one of them might have smoked during the time they were in there and the fire have started later from the stub of a cigarette carelessly thrown down in the stable, but this is only surmise. The property destroyed belonged to Dr. J. D. Nisbet and was valued at about \$2,000. It was insured in the Witherspoon agency for \$500.

"Laughing Charley's" Dog Gone Luck.

Auditor Cook has received a number of letters from parties notifying him that their dogs had died and wanting to know if he couldn't take them off the tax book, but the following from Charley Hammond, col., of Heath Springs, better known as "Laughing Charley" take the cake:

Mr. J. A. Cook, Dear Sir:—Your honor, I have had bad luck on My Dog. It is dead. Some one killed it. And what I dislike about it is that I had sessed it on your tax list. Now, dear sir, what I want you to do for me is this: Please take her off from your role. I think you have the write to do so. I think you have the Power to do so. Its hard to pay for live things and you know I don't want to pay for dead things. When you have a load on your sholder if it is taken off you would feel light.

Dear Mr. Cook, think back on what the poet says: God's word help the poor in time of trouble. Now Mr. Cook. you can help me rite now. Now is the needy time. Mr. W. C. Cauthen no doubt has it fix on his book. Kind sir, would you please see Mr. Cauthen and have a consultation with him. If you will do that and settle this matter between you boath you will shore to this nigger good. I wont tell it to No one because some one else mite ask of you this same favor, for they have been a lot of Dogs killed down here this season.

I am yours as ever,

The Wrong Man Hanged.

Memphis, Tenn., April 11.—A Commercial-Appeal special from Springfield, Ark, says it is reported there that Marquis Meadam has made a death-bed confession to the murder several years ago of Dr. C. C. Chantless, at Center Ridge, for which Alexander Brinkley was hanged at Merrill-ton.

The Two Wounded Robbers.

Fisher and O'Day, the men captured at Wadesboro, N. C., and identified as the parties wanted in this county for the robbery of the Springs B. & M. Co's safe at Heath Springs, are improving. Fisher had so far recovered from his wounds as to be removed from the hotel to the Wadesboro jail last Wednesday evening. There is now thought to be some hope of the recovery of O'Day, the younger of the two, who was so seriously wounded. The requisition papers have been arranged and as soon as the men are in condition to be moved they will be brought to Lancaster for trial first. They have been identified by detectives as "Connecticut Shorty" alias John Fisher, and Bun Robinson alias Chas. O'Day, who are wanted in Alexandria, Va., for similar robberies committed in 1903. Secretary R. R. Ray, of the McAddenville mill, which was robbed of \$2,000, about six weeks ago has also identified Fisher as one of the men who was seen about McAddenville several days before the robbery. Detectives are confident that the right men are in custody as to both the Heath Springs and McAddenville affairs.

Is He a Heath Springs Robber?

A special from Charlotte, N. C., April 13th, gives the following account of the arrest of a man in that city supposed to be connected with the Heath Springs robbery: A man who give his name as John Smith, who is suspected of being one of the three burglars who rifled the safe of the Heath Springs Banking Company at Heath Spings, S. C., also the McAden Mills at McAdenville, was caught here to day by three members of the Charlotte police force. Word was sent from Lileville, the point where the other two men were captured, that the third one of the party was coming his way. As Smith alighted from the train an officer grabbed him and hustled him to the police station. The man is non-com-municative and declines to give any information as to who he is or as to where he came from.

Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Two little colored girls, aged 9 and 11 years, were taken from Jim and Shing Dunlap under habeas corpus proceedings before Magistrates Caskey and Perry Thursday, and will be bound out to some good person who will feed, clothe and raise them properly. The proceedings were instituted by E. R. Kelley, the grand-father of the children, because of the ill treatment they received at the hands of Jim and Shing Dunlap, who were of no blood relation to the children but came to be custodians of them by Jim marrying their mother who afterwards died, when he subsequently married Shing. The children have been placed in the custody of Constable J. T. Hunter until arrangement for binding them out are made.

Squire Bailes Shoots His Cousin, and the Wound is Said to be Fatal.

Special to News and Courier.

Charlotte, N. C., April 13.—Squire W. O. Bailes, who is known far and wide as the magistrate who has married more couples in the past few years than all of the ministers combined, yesterday shot and fatally wounded his cousin, Edward Biles, a prominent young man of this county. It seems that bad feelings, has existed between the Bailes families, and that a quarrel ensued yesterday as the result of an old grade. Baile's physician says today that his condition is very critical, and the probability is that

he cannot recover from the effect of the wound. Squire Bailes has been arrested and will be given a hearing at Fort Mill S. C. tomorrow. G. W. B. Jr.

—Supervisor Gardner let the buildng of the bridge over Lower Camp Creek Thursday to Mr. W. C. Davis for \$150.

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Williams-Hughes Co.

A Desperate Attempt to Commit Suicide.

Spartanburg, April 13.—Alec Vandiver Ray, a pauper, aged 84 years, made a desperate attempt to kill himself near the county parish today. He was found lying on the ground near the parish church, bleeding from self-inflicted wounds in the legs, throat and abdomen. When carried to the parish he said that he had tired of life, grieving about his little grandchild from whom he was separated when brought to the poor house a month ago. He gave the keeper \$1 to give to his grandchild and said that he would die. Ray used an ordinary pocket knife in stabbing himself. His condition is regarded as exceedingly critical.

Alleged Robber Identified.

Charlotte, N. C., April 12.—A telephone message from Wadesboro tonight says that Postoffice Inspector Bulla positively indentifies at one one of the wounded alleged safe crackers, there as one Ginney, and claims to have evidence connecting him with the robbery of the postoffice at Latta, S. C., recently. The man identified is the older of the two men recently shot while defying arrest, and who gave his name as John Fisher. Bulla says the man's photograph is in the criminal records of the postoffice department. He did not know the younger man, who gave the name of O'Day. The latter continues in a critical condition, while Fisher, or Ginney, is improving.

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