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Truth, like a torch, the more it's shook, it shines.

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LOCAL AND COUNTY MATTERS.

Mr. J. T. Arnold, after Feb. the 1st, will become the traveling agent for THE MESSENGER.

We had more snow on the night of the 16th, but it was a slight one.

We are glad to say, Our young friend and printer, Willie Folger, is up and at work again.

The appearance of the weather predicts snow. Maybe there will be more *slaying*.

Lookout Mac, "while the bell rings or the whistle blows." It will be time to get out of the way of — the train.

OLIN GAINES from Central, has had general charge of the wires in Mr. Gignilliat's absence. He is an adept in the art."

Mr. J. T. Smith has made arrangements to build a two story dwelling on his lot, below A. S. Akin's, soon.

Hurrah for Easley!

Mr. J. T. Arnold is going to build a two story residence soon. He has a pretty lot and his house will be a great ornament to the town. F. M. Day has the contract.

J. O. Sheck will soon erect a house for Rev. J. C. Hudson, on his lot near the Academy. Day & Sheck are boss workmen and they can put up attractive buildings.

Let everybody be sure to read the advertisement of Wilkins, Poe, & Co. of Greenville. They are among the men that can suit well, the farmer, mechanic, and others out of their extensive line of hardware. Their beautiful advertisement is bound to attract the readers' eye.

Then read too, the new advertisement of Robinson & Wyatt to be found on the 4th page. They are business men, and know how to suit their customers, both in goods and in prices.

Col. Black, formerly of the Piedmont Institute, was in town on Tuesday. We understand that he is to move his family to Easley the last part of the week, and, will occupy the Cobb house on Table Rock St.

A very serious accident happened to Mrs. James Hitt on Thursday last, while walking she slipped and fell on the ice, breaking both bones in her left arm, just above the wrist. Dr. Gilliland, jr., was called in, and set the broken arm.

Misses Lalla Quillian and Blanche Hudgens have done a noble work this week, in raising a subscription for Dr. J. R. Riley, who has kindly preached for us during the past year.

H. J. GIGNILIAT, our very efficient depot agent, returned home with his wife accompanying him, from Birmingham on Wednesday night. The railroad interests were carefully looked after during his absence, by his *ac-* commodadug "subs," Dandy Jim from Pumpkintown," and Wild Bob" from Seneca.

A CERTAIN fair form in the village who, observing the tardiness of Johnnie W., in asking her to ride to church with him, realized a striking similarity between Johnnie and a dog's tail. When placed in the form of a conundrum who can answer it? Because each was behind. She went to church with — and received *don* ride.

Will all the Post Master be very careful about the delivery of THE MESSENGER. Be sure to put the papers in the right boxes, and only deliver them to proper persons. We have perhaps been at fault some, but we would request all others to be careful and not let papers get misplaced, or any other accident happen to them. We shall make it a point to have them all mailed.

DEATHS.—A three year old son of Robert Jenkins, who resides at Liberty, died of brain fever on Monday last after an illness of three days.

Sidney Couch, who had been in bad health for some time, died at the advanced age of 74 years, a few miles below here, on Sunday last and was buried at Siloan church graveyard in Anderson County.

The following is a list of the Grand Jurors for Pickens county, drawn to serve for the year 1884:

GRAND JURORS.—James S Hall, James A Hughes, Joseph W Pace, Rial Barnett, John D Smith, James E Garrett, Silas O Arnold, Albert H Arial, Thomas N. Hunter, John T Childress, W K Boggs, Baylis Gossett, William Aiken, William O Richey, John A Easley, J B Rigdon, Frank P Berry, Matthew Gillespie.

The following is a list of the Petit Jurors drawn to serve at the approach of January Term:

Matthew T Smith, E H Lawrence, James H Gaines, George M Maddox, D E Hendricks, W J Ponder, William McMahan, Thomas H McMahan, J C Cooley, V S Jones, J E Gillespie, C A Holcombe, J S Bowen, W W Phillips, A J Bradley, Reuben McWhorter, Leander V Jones, John E Gassaway, W D Hendricks, J L Boggs, R H Baker, L D Stephens, J R Hunt, W C Gaines, H L Mauldin, W A Smith, W J Pickle, T J Findley, Perrin A O'Dell, A D Bellotte, John T Kennemore, James King, A F McCord, J H Lawrence, J H Hagood, W C Harbin.

MRS. P. A. OWNBEY will board scholars for the Easley High School at reasonable prices. jan 4, 1884-2t

We return many thanks to Miss St. Lawrence Fleming of Spartanburg, for an invitation to attend a "Leap-Year Reception" in the Merchants' Hotel, on the evening of the 17th of this month. No doubt it will be a brilliant affair, and we accept with pleasure the kind invitation. If people don't believe Spartanburg is the place to visit, let them try it once, and be satisfied.

[COMMUNICATED.]

EASLEY, S. C., Jan. 15th, '84.

The attention of the membership of Enon Baptist Church are kindly requested to be present at the next regular Conference and Roll call on the 26th instant.

REV. J. W. HUTCHINS, Mod'r.

J. A. CRAIG, Ch. Clerk.

[COMMUNICATED.]

MR. EDITOR: Please announce through your paper that the School Trustees of Liberty Township will meet at the town of Liberty on Monday, the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of locating schools and employing teachers. If the patrons of any school desire a school-house built out of their share of the public funds, they will make it known on that day. All persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

L. MAULDIN, Clerk.

[For The Messenger.]

Crop Reports.

MR. EDITOR: I pen a few lines in reference to the crop reports. These reports furnish some solid food for serious thought when we are about to mount the high horse of extravagance. The Census return of 1850 show that Dausville Township has a population of over 1,700 people, and produces 39,700 bushels of grain, and 855 bales of cotton. This Township raised an average crop in '79. It has about 320 horses and mules—70 bushels per head off for this stock (and that is light feed, they ought to have 90 bushels), leaves 21 bushels per capita for the people. Thirteen per capita for bread, leaves eight bushels each, just enough to fatten one pig (a little one) for each person. The cotton net will give them about \$18 per capita for clothing, education, taxes and the legion of other incidentals.

I suppose these returns are very nearly correct—probably rather large, as some men are rather disposed to boast of what crops they grow. It costs enough money too to insure the Census takers to do their duty some \$50 or \$75 for the State.

The same calculation for Easley Township with her 3,000 people and 450 horses, leaves her with 10 bushels per capita, and about \$20 cotton money to buy the rest of her bread, meat and other necessaries.

Pickens comes in with 3 bushels per

capita after feeding horses, mules and people, and about \$14 cash from her cotton. This to me is a sad picture. The other Townships of the county are I think about with Pickens in point of productiveness.

Since this is before us we must grin and endure it. But let us profit by and enlarge them soon and fast, if possible, though this year we divided them by two. Halve the figures above if you please; live and build accordingly. Ought we not try to get some food in our air castles. These Townships compare favorably with others of the State and very far ahead of many. But few in the State produce more corn than those above mentioned. Dausville reports 53,000 and Easley 50,000, and Pickens 45,000 bushels.

We produce some things else, peas, potatoes and turnips, which is required to make up the food list. We have numerous dogs, with a few milk cattle that go very deeply into the bread-stuff.

Mr. Editor, I wish you would have some one to make a calculation and tell us what the per diem is among the farmers, counting 300 days to a year and counting a horse a haud (since he is as expensive a one as we have.

SUBSCRIBER.

A farmer entered a certain store in Columbia and seeing the proprietor busy waiting upon a number of customers, left, saying that he would be back again. In a short time he returned, but he found more customers than before. Again he went out, and in a half an hour returned. He found the clerks busier than ever and growing desperate, shouted out: "I guess there's no chance for me to be waited on here today. I'll go to some store where they don't advertise." He did so, and was soon waited on, for they had no rush there.—Palmetto Yeoman.

HYMNICAL.

Married, by Rev. W. B. Singleton, December 30, 1883, Mr. D. L. CONLEY and Miss ELLA FARMER, all of Pickens county.

By Rev. J. D. Wilson, at the residence of the bride, on Jan. 8, WM. MULLINAX and Mrs. JANE HARGROVE, all of Pickens county.

By the same, on Jan. 10, at the residence of the bride, LEVI STONE and Mrs. FRANCIS COTHMAN, all of Pickens county.

At the residence of the bride's mother, on the 25th of December, 1883, by Rev. A. C. Stepp, ROBERT MILLS PRESTON BROOKS BALENTINE and Miss CLEOPATRA HASELTINE VICTORIA EMELINE LAFAYETTE BOLT, all of Laurens county.

THE MARKETS.

Our Cotton Market has been quiet and lower. Sales for the week 32 bales. We quote:

Bacon.....	8 @ 81
Flour per barrel.....	\$6 @ 88
3/4 Shirting.....	5 1/2 @ 6
1/2 ".....	6 @ 6 1/2
4-4 ".....	7 @
Prints.....	5 @ 8
Yarns.....	85 @

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Cotton.....	8 1/4 @ 10
Eggs.....	15 @ 20
Butter.....	15 @ 20
Chickens.....	10 @ 20
Corn.....	70 @ 75