

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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New Advertisements.—Purchase—Propst Bros. The Style—M. L. Kinard. Notice to Teachers—Jno. Boyd and Others. Annual Meeting—J. C. Caldwell, C. B. T. S. D. No. 14. The Purest and Best—Hafner & Hendrix. Sheriff's Sales—Jno. D. McCarty, S. F. C.

Local Events.—Our farmers are now very busy harvesting grain. Some soundness has broken the wire around the Court House again. The trial justice courts here have been comparatively idle now for some time. Fresh fruit, consisting of apples, cherries, etc., may now be bought in town.

The handsome new residence of Solicitor McDonald will soon be completed. All kinds of legal blanks on hand and for sale at this office at lowest prices. Several parties in town speak of attending the commencement exercises at Due West. We are glad to hear that the ordinance requiring that dogs be muzzled will be strictly enforced.

We observe that a good rain in the country at this season has the effect of bringing a large crowd to town. Consult our advertising columns before you spend your money. It will pay you. Don't forget to plant peas. Nothing so well supplements a short corn crop as a fall pea crop.

The State Press Association will meet at Greenville on the 14th July. A very pleasant time is anticipated. There was a moderate rainfall around Winstonsboro and vicinity on Tuesday night. Complaints about grass and a scarcity of farm laborers are loud and frequent in more than one section of the county.

The Court of General Sessions for Chester county convened on Monday the 15th. The docket is said are not very full. We have several first class bicycle riders in town now and a number of others coming on. We suggest to the boys a trip to the mountains this summer as a practical test of endurance.

A number of weatherwise prophets are predicting a wet spell. We won't comment ourselves to the question until later. An *ex post facto* prophecy is always safest. We hear of several gentlemen who have announced in advance that they will occupy the position of candidates in the next primary election. How long they have been soliciting votes on the sly is not known.

The Citizens' Cornet Band have the thanks of the town for the excellent music with which they favored us on Thursday evening. We will all be glad to hear them again at their earliest possible convenience. The character of Chick's Novelty Company for honesty, from latest accounts, cannot be said to be improving. Their creditors at Chester were left as far behind as those who trusted them here.

Some of our correspondents have not written us now in a long time. We would be very glad to hear from them. The people on one side of this county are always anxious to know what their friends are driving at on the other side. The board of health will take the rounds here in a few days. They threaten to make a very rigid inspection, and we therefore take this occasion to advise all those who have been remiss in this connection to set things to rights and have no hard feelings about it.

Col. Jas. H. Rion, of this place has sent to Columbia a specimen of lucern cut from his plot in the Boro which measures forty-five inches, and is the second cutting for this season. Col. Rion has cut from this lot ten cuttings in one season, each averaging two and one-half feet in length. We are informed by the Bachelors' club, that "in order to form a more perfect union, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, and promote the general welfare," a convention of their order will meet at some point in this State in the early fall. Charleston will perhaps be selected.

As we have been approached by several gentlemen of late to know who is fighting editor of THE NEWS AND HERALD we take this occasion to say the office is now entirely vacant. Parties therefore who have work for that department of the paper will please have the patience to wait until they can be attended to. The many friends of Mr. J. Fleming Brown will be pleased to read the following, which we find in the Columbia Register: "The Johnston Male and Female Institute will close for the vacation on the 18th instant. The exercises promise to be pleasant. Colonel Coward is expected to deliver the address. The school, under the management of Mr. J. F. Brown, has been more successful than was anticipated by the most sanguine friends. One hundred and thirty-five pupils have been enrolled, with an average of some eighty-five or ninety."

NATIONAL BANK.—At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Winstonsboro National Bank, Mr. George H. McMaster was elected President and Mr.

A. S. Douglass Vice-President. Mr. McMaster's long business experience will peculiarly fit him for the discharge of his new duties. GRANT.—We learn that a company of Tennessee capitalists have leased the Crawford granite quarries which are situated near town, for the term of twenty years and will commence operations at once. The rocks will be hauled from the quarry to Rock City and from there shipped to the granite works of the company at Nashville, Tenn., where they will be manufactured for various purposes.

IN THE TRIAL JUSTICE COURT.—On last Saturday the case against Sterling Dixon charged with breach of contract was heard. The testimony being rather voluminous and the argument of counsel very full the trial consumed the entire day. As soon as an opportunity presented itself the Trial Justice announced that the defendant was guilty. His attorney gave notice of appeal.

TEACHERS WILL TAKE NOTICE.—The next regular examination of teachers for this county will be held here on Thursday and Friday, July 2nd and 3rd. Applicants for first grade will be examined on Thursday, for second and third grades on Friday. All those who are in need of a certificate are advised to be on hand, as the board of examiners have decided to grant no more private examinations.

AN INTERESTING PUZZLE.—The junior editor of THE NEWS AND HERALD has invented one of the most unique puzzles that we have ever seen. It beats the celebrated "fifteen" all to pieces. Several gentlemen have already worked it out until they were worn completely out, but the efforts of none have as yet been crowned with success. We can assure all that it may be worked, but the most delicate manipulation will be required. Call and see it.

SURVIVORS' REUNION.—The Survivors of the Sixth Regiment propose to hold their next annual reunion on the battlefield of Seven Pines. The idea is indeed a happy one and we hope that it may be realized. Nowhere else would the memories of the past rise so vividly before them. No other place could be selected where they might more appropriately pay tribute to the imperishable gallantry of their fallen comrades. Will not the railroads generously make it possible for them to go?

PERSONAL.—Messrs. John M. Hope and W. M. Allison, of Yorkville, were in town last Saturday. Representative Rutland was in town on Monday. Miss Belle McClung, of Lexington, Virginia, is visiting friends in town. The Rev. W. A. M. Plaxico, of Lancaster, was in town on last Saturday and filled the pulpit of the Rev. Jno. T. Chalmers. The Rev. C. E. McDonald, of Steele Creek, N. C., is spending a few days in town.

THE FARMING INTERESTS.—Reports from different sections of the county indicate a flattering prospect in the coming crops. Cotton has for the most part been chopped out, stands are excellent, and the plants are growing rapidly and if the seasons for this time onward are favorable, an extraordinarily large yield may confidently be expected. Upland corn also, where the same has been properly cultivated, bids fair to disprove the hypothesis that this cereal cannot be success fully cultivated upon the hills of this latitude.

DEATH OF MR. JAS. W. FARMER.—Mr. James W. Farmer, a well known citizen of this county, died on last Friday night. He had been in most vigorous health, but was taken ill about ten days before his death, with some internal disorder which baffled medical skill. Mr. Farmer had always been a man of great physical vigor, and had almost uninterruptedly enjoyed most excellent health. He was a farmer by occupation, and had the high regard of his friends and neighbors. He was a member and an assistant steward of Asbury Methodist Church, in this county, where the funeral services were held on Saturday last. Mr. Farmer left a widow two grown sons and one married daughter—Mrs. Dunn, now of Greenville.

A PETITION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.—A petition to the Governor asking for the unconditional pardon of Toddy Boyd and the commutation of the sentence of Allen Boyd as if he had been only convicted of manslaughter is now receiving signatures. These parties, it will be remembered, were convicted of murder at the last term of Court and sentenced by Judge Witherspoon to be executed on the 24th of July next. The petition has been signed by the entire bar, all of the Court House officials and a number of other gentlemen. It will receive a favorable recommendation from the presiding Judge as well as the Solicitor. Counsel for the defendants will perhaps call on Governor Thompson at an early day and lay the matter before him.

DEATHS.—Mr. Reuben Boulware, a valuable citizen of this county, was found dead in his bed on last Wednesday morning. It is thought that he died of apoplexy, as he was stricken with paralysis two or three years ago and had only partially recovered. The deceased was about fifty years of age, served gallantly through the late war, and leaves many friends to mourn his departure. Mr. Thomas McKinstry died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. P. Gibson, on Wednesday evening. He was stricken with paralysis while on a visit there several months ago, and has been lingering ever since. He was about seventy-seven years of age, and throughout his long life has given his country the service of a good citizen. He was a prominent and consistent member of the Methodist church, and represented this county in the Legisla-

ture during the war. He leaves a large circle of friends and a number of children to mourn his loss. COOL BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Some days ago we received a communication giving a very entertaining account of the exercises of the Sunday School of Cool Branch Baptist Church, and some other matters of local interest. Unfortunately, the manuscript was put away so carefully that it has not since been found. We are sorry for this, as the article was from the pen of a gentleman whose contributions to THE NEWS AND HERALD are always read with pleasure, and because it is always gratifying to hear of the success of men like James F. V. Legg. As superintendent of the Cool Branch Sunday School Capt. Legg has done much good work, and the fruit of his industry is plainly seen in the excellent condition of the institution under his charge.

THE FIREMEN'S INSPECTION.—The Steam Fire Engine Company and the Stonewalls' were on parade Tuesday evening and attracted a good deal of attention. They were thoroughly inspected by the Town Council and found to be all "O. K." The inspection being over the former company repaired to the Court House where they enjoyed refreshments and held an election for officers. The following gentlemen were elected: President—T. H. Ketchin. 1st Director—H. L. McMaster. 2nd Director—L. Samuels. 3rd Director—W. J. Elliott. 4th Director—J. P. Caldwell. Solicitor—J. E. McDonald. Secretary and Treasurer—H. E. Ketchin. Chief Engineer—D. R. Fienikien. Second Engineer—Dr. E. J. Quattlebaum. Third Engineer—R. T. Matthews. Axmen—H. Y. Milling, J. O. Boag. Pipemen—D. A. Crawford, C. P. Gladden.

THE LAW OF SELF DEFENSE.—The old law of self defence required the assailed to "retreat to the wall" before striking down his assailant. The deliverances, however, of modern tribunals of highest authority, seem to modify this stern doctrine formulating as they do, the principle, that owing to the improvement which science has wrought in death-dealing instruments, the assailed is at the wall when attacked. When one antagonist draws a pistol, a sword or a dynamite cartridge or any other deadly weapon, one is justified in resorting to extreme defensive measures. There is also another instance in which a class of men do frequently take their lives in their own hands—we refer to the practice of the book agent in going to one place of business, squaring himself in spite of discouragements, and delivering the usual "set speech." It is just as bad to talk a man to death as it is to beat him to death, the result is the same, and we wish it to be understood that we are acquainted with the law in this office and hereafter we expect to stand on our legal rights.

SYSTEMATIC SWINDLING.—Chick's Novelty Company didn't make very much money while here, nor did they on the other hand pay out very much. Their hotel bill was entirely neglected. The majority of the company went off on Sunday leaving one Putnam behind with instructions to liquidate all indebtedness, but this gentleman turned out to be no sort of a financier and did not accomplish the laudable purpose which detained him by any means. He arose early on Monday morning and was observed by a fellow boarder to tilt his empty pocket book out of his window. He then walked over to the depot to ask when the freight would be along and came back in a few minutes in great trouble about his pocket book, the gentleman who had picked it up advised him to shut up, as soon as possible, reminding him at the same time that better men than himself had been more than once hung on slighter provocation. The Novelty man caught on, and moved for Chester at once. We learn that a shower of "bad eggs" fell on the company there on Monday night. A dispensation of the sort every evening would help them. We hope they may receive it.

It is said That the times are now dull everywhere; That the moonlight stroll will soon be in order; That more credit has been given this year than last; That there will probably be a crowd in town to-day; That the girls who are off at school will soon be home; That there is much dancing in Boag's Hall these evenings; That non-debt-paying men are now greatly in the majority; That the Board of Health will not lack subject matter for their next report; That it does not make man look any less like the Chimpanzee to shave all his hair off; That heavy washing rains fell in some sections of the county on last Tuesday night; That there are a good many tramps as well as mad dogs knocking around in this county at present.

The Teachers' Association. The Teachers' Association met on Saturday the 13th inst., at Mt. Zion Institute. A number of teachers from various sections of the county were present as well as a number of visitors whose interest in educational matters found a timely and appropriate expression in their attendance upon this occasion. The association was called to order about 11 o'clock a. m., by the President, Dr. Willard Richardson, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, other business of minor importance was transacted and the first speaker of the day, Mr. E. B. Ragdale was introduced. After a few remarks of apology for failing to meet with the association on a former

occasion, the speaker proceeded to deliver an address on "The study of law as a means of education." Pointing out the fact that the reign of law in the physical universe, organic and inorganic is supreme. The speaker proceeded to argue that moral and social phenomena are also under the domination of fixed laws; that our knowledge of phenomena is limited to the laws by which they are governed and that a study of these laws served the dual purpose of developing the faculties of the intellect and of preparing the individual for after life. It was also argued that a knowledge of the elementary principles of municipal law was essential and should be taught in the free public schools. After the close of the address there were discussions upon various educational topics, participated in by a number of the members present. Prof. Witherspoon, of Chester, who was present was repeatedly called upon for an address and taking the floor for the purpose of excusing himself, that gentleman before taking his seat delivered a very instructive address upon the subject of county institutes. The importance of such organizations to educational progress has been a subject of thought to the Professor, and he urged the matter upon the attention of the association in a brief but forcible argument. An amendment to the school law was urged, providing for holding county institutes, in each county in the State, at the beginning of each school year, the session to continue two weeks, and the teachers attending to be allowed full pay for the time. The plan meets, it is said, the approval of educators and only awaits legislative action. Dr. Willard Richardson next took the floor and delivered an address upon "the study of grammar." The speaker contended that the subject should receive the early attention of the pupil and thought that if the proper methods were pursued, the subject might be successfully taught to primary classes. Prof. B. R. Turnipseed was next called and proceeded to discuss the three-cornered subject parent, pupil and teacher—their proper relation, their mutual obligations, etc. With a precision of thought that is for the most part habitual with teachers, the speaker compared his subject to an isosceles triangle and enforced the simile with a cogency of reasoning that was itself suggestive of mathematics. It is to be regretted that there were not more parents in the audience to avail themselves of an opportunity of learning something of the duties and responsibilities which devolve upon them in the great work of training the youth. At the close of Prof. Turnipseed's remarks several business matters of more or less importance were transacted and the association adjourned to meet again in September.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS. TEACHERS WHOSE CERTIFICATES have expired, and persons wishing to engage in teaching, are hereby notified that the regular examination will take place in the Court House on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd of July. No other examination will be held until the regular examination in January. JNO. BOYD, JNO. S. REYNOLDS, E. B. RAGSDALE, County Board of Examiners. June 16th/td

ANNUAL MEETING. THE Annual Meeting of the Taxpayers in School District, No. 14, for the purpose of fixing the local tax for the next School Year, will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9 o'clock, a. m. The Board of Trustees for School District, No. 14, will hold a meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 1, at 9 o'clock, a. m. to appoint a teacher for the next year. Applicants for a position as teacher in either of the schools will present their applications before that date. Winstonsboro, June 10, 1885. J. C. CALDWELL, C. B. T. S. D. No. 14. June 11/9t

PURCHASE YOUR GROCERIES FROM PROPST BROS. THEY WILL SELL THEM TO YOU as low as they can be bought from any other house in town. We have in stock the best brands of PATENT FLOUR, also cheaper grades. Green and Roasted Coffee, Teas, Pure White Wine and Apple Vinegar, Molasses and Syrups, at UNFORMLY LOW PRICES. All persons indebted to us on last month's account will please come forward and settle, as we are needing money. Respectfully, PROPST BROS.

AT Hafner & Hendrix's WILL BE FOUND THE PUREST AND BEST WINES, LIQUORS, BRANDIES, CIGARS, ETC., Kept by ANY HOUSE IN TOWN. TRY OUR APOLLONARIS WATER. Only 25 cents per bottle. HAFNER & HENDRIX, Under Winstonsboro Hotel. NEWS AGENCY. SUBSCRIPTIONS received for all News papers, Periodicals and Magazines at the lowest prices. Information on application. Despatch DUBOSE EGGLESTON.

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