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GALLIVANTS ITEMS.

EDITOR HERRY HERALD:
I saw in your last issue items from Gallivants Ferry, but I think the writer was rather partial for he only gave dots from the vicinity of Rehoboth.

There is a protracted meeting going on at the Gallivants Ferry Baptist church, conducted by Revs. Conerly and Harrelson. They seem to be doing good work, as there has been several conversions.

Driving is getting to be a popular and profitable sport with the young men now-a-days, but it didn't prove profitable with one who was visiting near here this week, for he started out one morning and was told by a young lady that he had better make a sure fire, for if he didn't he wouldn't get any meat for dinner, as she was cooking the last for breakfast; he said: "I'm sure of dinner if the deer passes me." He went to his stand and in a few minutes the deer came bounding by in about twenty-five yards of him, and the report of his gun was heard, but as the hounds and deer ran on, the bell was rung for him to come to breakfast; he came, looking quite sad, but not I, for I put one foot against the fence and the other against a knot, and pulled the trigger just as hard as I could; but nevertheless I'll get dinner, for I will go to church and bring the parson home with me; and one of the girls exclaimed: "Oh yes! that is a capital idea, if you will bring the "Little Parson," but to his sorrow he was gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Grainger are visiting the family of Maj. H. B. Cooke.

It is reported that Messrs. Cooke & Grantham are going to erect an Alliance cotton gin near Sandy Plain. Wish them much success.

The School Commissioner is visiting the schools now, and the young men say he is partial, as he only spends a few minutes with them and spends the day with the young ladies.

Mr. J. W. Holliday's crop is the finest I've seen. THE PAIR.

GALLIVANTS BRIDGE.

EDITOR HERRY HERALD:

In a recent issue of the HERALD I saw one or two communications on the Gallivants bridge. This is a matter of considerable importance to the people. The removal of obstructions to the navigation of the river will be of great advantage to those living near it. There are thousands of feet of fine cypress timber on its banks and in its swamps that could be put in the market with easy navigation for steamers. This timber will bring thousands of dollars on the market, while in the swamps with no means of getting it to market it is perfectly useless. It is estimated in the valuation for taxation. Besides after passing Gallivants, a distance of about ten miles, the country through which the Little Pee Dee runs, is very fertile and productive. From Little Rock to Sandy Bluff, thousands of bales of cotton grow on each side of the river and an open river will enable the farmers to ship their cotton with less hauling and less freight than by railroad. The steamer will make the trip from Little Rock to Georgetown in 36 hours, so the farmers can ship their poultry, melons, fruits, &c., to Georgetown, get a fair price for them, and returning the boat will bring them whatever they want. All this time the farmer can stay at home and attend to his work, while now many farmers have to haul their products twenty miles, while their fruits and vegetables, beyond home consumption, lie in the fields and rot.

The farmers maintain the world and should be given every advantage that belongs to them. Again, millions of hoop poles could be turned into money. I am poor, but I love to see my neighbors prospering and rich, for the more wealthy my neighbors are, the better for me. Then again the money appropriated for this improvement puts in circulation among us these thousands of dollars and enables the farmers to sell their produce, the merchant to buy goods, the

In making the draw in the bridge, the people will never know the difference in the amount of taxes. One writer mentioned a railroad from Conway to Marion. That is all well, but Uncle Sam has nothing to do with building railroads, for they are private property owned by corporations. Rivers are public highways controlled by Uncle Sam. The clearing out of Lake Swamp would be of great interest and benefit to the people along its borders, but it is a small private stream. The timber in it is put on the market would bring thousands of dollars to the good people of Horry but the expense of cutting and marketing it would bring the owners into debt.

The condition of the river is being decidedly improved now and the work is being done by Southern men who leave the money among us. Foreigners would have carried the money away, and we would have received little benefit from it. The money does not come from State or County taxation, but from the United States treasury, where there are stored hundreds of millions according to the report of the treasury Department, and is raised by internal revenue. Peter McIntosh ran lighters or pole boats, from Campbell's bridge to the W. C. & A. R. R. bridge in 1879-80-81 and when the river is cleared of obstructions larger boats can easily be run. Captain Daggrett says his boat draws only 14 inches and runs it now, notwithstanding in some places the river is blocked nearly from bank to bank with logs, and when the river is cleared boats of greater draught can run.

POOR DENNEY.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees for School District No. 11 was held August 16th 1889, when the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That no public money be expended in building or repairing School houses without first securing titles for School site.

2nd. That efforts be made at once to secure titles for land on which school houses now stand where no title exists.

3rd. That any School house now under way of construction be completed or put in comfortable condition before another term of school shall be taught therein.

4th. That no school shall be commenced or teacher permanently employed until the Annual meeting of Board of Trustees, and that all persons desiring to teach be requested to make their applications to the Trustees at or before their annual meeting, stating terms, representatives from each school site be requested to attend the annual meeting of the Board.

5th. That the apportionment of the public free school be made fund of this District in proportion to the annual average attendance of each school.

W. T. Goldfinch, chairman was instructed to call on ex-chairman, S. S. Dusenbury, for Hall maps and other property belonging to the public schools of this District in his care, and further that W. T. Goldfinch and Curtis Smith be authorized to sell a piece of land belonging to the public schools of this District lying on public road between Socastee bridge and Collins Creek, known as Gapway and hold the proceeds of said sale subject to the order of Trustees; and further that the Chairman of this Board be authorized and requested to sign teachers' pay certificates for Board, and to keep a record of the average attendance of each school.

A. D. STALVEY, W. T. GOLDFINCH Secy. Chrm.

SOCASTEE SAYINGS.

This part of the county is called Socastee, but the writer thinks wet country would be more appropriate. Crops are very good, although the continual rains have been injurious, especially to cotton. Thos. King has 31 acres in corn that will produce at least 40 bushels per acre. Mr. King is another one of our enterprising farmers.

The people in this section are very independent. They make their own provisions and clothes at home and board at the same place.

Peter Gore has a patch of tobacco on natural land that has leaves 3 feet long and 1 1/2 feet wide. They have been measured. If anybody in Horry can excel that, would be glad to hear from them through the HERALD.

David Newton and wife have recently divided spoons—he going to Carolina and she returning to father's, Robt. Barnhill.

Your correspondent examined a

very peculiar apple grown in Marion Sellers' orchard. It had a neck about 1 1/2 inches long curled over like a gourd neck. Who can head that!

Elder B. A. Brown preached a very impressive sermon at Mt. Pisgah on the 10th inst. and Rev. T. M. Owens did likewise on the same night and the Sunday following. The church desired a new pastor and has called Mr. Roberson to serve for the ensuing year.

What are the boys of the Burroughs School doing now? They keep very quiet. Wake up and let us hear from you occasionally.

I will propound to the Board Lanoing Bible class the following questions:

Which is the longest name in the Bible? Which is the longest verse in the Bible? Who were the twelve apostles?

The prospect for establishing a fishery at Withers by W. T. Todd is bright. Every effort will be made to supply the community with fresh mullets, sweet potatoes are already here. The writer and J. P. Gore Sr. visited Windy Hill last Saturday and had the pleasure of hearing a very interesting discourse at Mt. Ararat by one of the latter-day saints. He is from Garfield county, Utah. We believe them to be exactly what they profess to be.

D. H. PATRICK. RAYBORO DOTS.

EDITOR HERRY HERALD:

As various questions are being asked through the issues of this paper I have one that I want to hear some good opinions on; and that is: what step should a church take with a deacon who instead of going to Sabbath School and taking the rest of his family with him, goes into the swamp with a crowd of boys on the Sabbath day and there spends the time with the frogs and counters instead of reverencing God's holy day.

Crops tolerably good. Though cotton injured by the recent rains is better than was expected. Corn above the average in this section.

We have no draws in bridges to talk about but we are near the W. C. & C. R. R. where we get the benefit of reduction in price of goods, and an advance in price of produce. The Farmer's Alliance is doing our country good in many ways. Our merchants are a little more polite than they use to be. Glad to see times improving, better times ahead.

Best wishes to the HERALD. C. C. HARRIS.

JORDANVILLE JOTTINGS.

Cool and pleasant nights. Peaches and watermelons are nearly gone. The school commissioner visited the schools in this section a few days ago.

The gathering of fodder is in progress. Fine weather for the work.

Crops are very good, better than usual, especially corn.

Mrs. Andrews, of Jordanville, is visiting relatives in Georgia.

Miss Sallie Martin has a quilt which contains 3,544 pieces: Who can beat that?

The Marion school broke last Tuesday.

I will ask a question of the HERALD and its readers: Who was Cain's wife? [She was a woman and the ancestress of a very ingenious race of people Ed.]

Little Pee Dee has been booming, but is now falling very fast. Fish will soon be plentiful.

Glad to see the Loris correspondent come out again. Dr.

EDITOR HERRY HERALD:

There seems to be considerable fear in our neighborhood lest the Gallivants bridge is destroyed so as to admit of steamers going further up the river. If our County Commissioners are no wiser than some who have so much to say about it, we do not believe they are in any way afflicted with such inclination. When the cost of the bridge and the amount it has saved to the traveling public are taken into consideration, we ask: How can our Com's who hold their positions at the mercy of the laboring class, think of incurring such an outlay?

Some favor a draw being placed in the bridge, but there is no necessity for that. There is nothing above Gallivants to induce steamers farther up the river, and why should a draw made at the expense of the county until there is some necessity for it?

If our County thinks she has money to waste in the construction of a draw we would kindly ask her to distribute in a more profitable manner.

Doesn't our public school system

need improvement in proportion to our commercial advantages? Isn't the gathering of knowledge of more importance than the gathering of gold? Shouldn't we first look to the preparation of ourselves for a position is sought? Then, gentlemen, let's look more to the improvement of our system of public schools, and take for a prospectus Gallivants Ferry township in its present situation. What is our township doing in the cause of education? We answer nothing and nothing can be done with out improvement in our school fund.

There are nine schools, or school sites in this township and only \$174. for the nine. Now when this is divided there is less than \$50, for each school. Now I appeal to any teacher to know what can be done? in so short a time as he has to work. Nothing can be done, and we who feel the need of schools had rather have no public helplessness we can have more, for then we could have private schools while in our present situation too many trust to the public.

Friends, we must for ever abolish such an obstacle or raise our school tax so as to lengthen our schools.

What inducement does such a system offer a young man to equip himself and go out upon the unhonored filled to battle for the interest of others? What young man or woman seeking advantages in the great struggle of life will say or can say I'll teach for a living.

Gentlemen, let me appeal to you as one interested in his own education, and wishes all of Dear old Horry's sons and daughters to enjoy its blessings. Do you feel the interest in your children that your fathers left in you? Do you realize the necessity of giving them an education that will fit them for the fearful battle of life which lies before them? If you do prepare a way for them, if not stop where you are and quite fooling them for "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

MINTON H. JOHNSON.

ITEMS FROM FLOYDS.

Cotton is opening. Watermelons are playing out and sweet potatoes are coming in.

We hear of one farmer who expects to make a bale of cotton on every acre planted.

Braddy Williamson is building a new house. Glad to note this evidence of prosperity and wish him continued success.

The "Swamp Fox" was in this neighborhood a short time ago. He seemed afraid to travel the public highway as he turned into a by-path, but we suppose he was hunting cider.

Times are improving—peas are in wasteful abundance. Guess the animal "Yellow Horse" drives will get fat now. Health good. O. B. Grainger and Mrs. Bullock are better.

LITTLE SWALLOW.

WASHINGTON LETTER. [From our Regular Correspondent]

On Saturday Civil Service Commissioners Lyman and Thompson had an interview with the President regarding several important changes in the civil service rules. The conference is understood to have been harmonious and favorable to the changes contemplated, and as soon as the changes are perfected the President will approve them. One of the rules to be amended will place chiefs of divisions within the classified service, thus providing that the changes that occur in these positions can only be filled by promotion or by certification from the Commission. This change will certainly be for the good of the service, especially if such positions be filled, as they probably will be, by promotion. As it is at present, dozen of chiefs are appointed who have not the requisite qualifications for any responsible position. They are men of some political influence who know nothing of the work to be done and who are too incompetent to learn a new business in less time than a decade.

Before the civil service rules went into effect, chiefs of division were selected from the most valued clerks, who thoroughly understood the particular work of the division. With the Cleveland administration came a great pressure for office that was especially strong as to the chiefs, they being outside the civil service rules. One Col. Faulkner, appointed a chief of division in the Pension Bureau, became famous for phenomenal ignorance. He remained in the Bureau four years, departing this spring, after a vigorous attempt to be retained, with the reputation of being the most densely ignorant man that ever drew pay from a government. He once spoke of the corridor

of the building as "corduroy;" as Artemus Ward says, "He was an "amoooin cuss." Another division of the same bureau had a chief of about a like calibre, who is still retained as a clerk at \$1,800, and who had the ill grace to object to being reduced. In his former years as a chief he simply never made an attempt to understand the duties of his position. He feebly looked over and signed reports and smoked, and read newspapers and entrusted all work to a sharp clerk detailed for the purpose, who during his administration was assuredly the power behind the throne.

The Republican chiefs selected, have been in many cases of no better nettle. The chief of whom I have just spoken is succeeded by the brother of a Western Congressman, who managed to have his imbecility overlooked by the appointing authority. This man threatens to emulate the doughty Col. Faulkner. The new man's hobby is "keeping time and spying about to detect stray newspaper readers in the toilet rooms. Of the word of the division he does not try to know anything. As to whether or not the division is keeping up its record for quality and quantity of work he does not appear to care. This man could not have passed an examination for a \$900 clerkship, and that is why he was made a chief of a division; These are by no means exceptional cases, and one may say with perfect confidence that the average chief is of a lower order of intelligence and ability than the average clerk working under him. This is an abuse that President Harrison does well to eradicate.

The President and Mr. Harrison departed for Deer Park on Saturday, accompanied only by Private Secretary Halford. The party will be joined by Marshal Randall to-night and will go to Indianapolis to the laying of the corner stone of the soldiers new monument. The president will then return to Deer Park, where he will remain until the latter part of September.

The Heathen Chinese are not so peculiar as Brete Harte found them in California. Commerce has opened up their ports and travel has widened their lives. The members of the Chinese legation stationed here are especially susceptible to the influences of the Western world's civilization. They go about in society, chat with pretty girls, ride in well built drags and drink champagne with a relish. The rules of the household of the legation are about the same as those of a underrately strict boarding school, but many fine midnight finds two or more of the junior attaches, disguised in American clothing and with their pig tails carefully wound up under derby hats, taking in the "rounds." A policeman whom I know, recently received \$20 for allowing two members of the Chinese legation to escape during the raiding of a dive. One daring and wealthy almond-eyed diplomat has out done his brothers in the race for pleasure. He recently purchased a cosy home in the northwest, and the deed was made in the name of a former Treasury widow who was once the mistress of a President of the United States and who has not yet outlived her beauty. To this gilded cage goes my lord diplomat every afternoon, and the neighbors are amazed at his oriental audacity.

The appointment of Col. John M. Wilson as superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point is regarded as particularly felicitous. During his residence here as commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds Col. Wilson has greatly endeared himself to hundreds of personal friends.

The Case Of Justice Fields.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—State Attorney General Johnson, on a suggestion in a letter addressed to him by Governor Waterman, to-day wrote to District Attorney White, of Stockton, saying that the demands of Justice required the case against Justice Field in connection with the death of ex-Judge Terry, be dismissed, as the complaint was sworn to by Mrs. Terry, who was not present at the shooting.

Governor Waterman, in his letter, refers to Justice Field's arrest as a "burning disgrace to the state if not disavowed," and as an "unprecedented indignity on Justice Field."

Useful If True.

Some one has made the discovery, or rather makes the assertion, that a fly walks upward. Put a fly on a window, and up he goes toward the top; he can't be made to walk downward. So an inventor has made a screen divided in half. The upper part laps over the lower, with an inch space between. Well, as a fly lights on the screen, he proceeds to travel upward, and thus walks straight out doors. By this means, a room can be quickly cleared of flies.

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