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LOCAL NOTES AND TOBACCO JOTTINGS.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

Our friend T. R. Hodges, from Beaufort county, was in town Saturday and showed us a sample of his tobacco plants. They are by far the largest that we have seen this season. Thad says he has lots of them at home equally as nice as these he brought up. The plants were taken from a bed prepared by a Mr. Tucker, who came to Greenville last fall from Chase City, Va. He remained in Greenville a few weeks and graded tobacco and while doing this work we noticed that he was a remarkably industrious man and as he was looking for a farm in eastern North Carolina knowing Mr. Hodges wanted a man of this type we directed him to go to see him, with the result that they traded. In thus securing plants on equal chances far ahead of the majority of farmers we are not at all surprised, for it takes just such a man to succeed at tobacco growing, and unless bad seasons or some unforeseen misfortune happen this man Tucker is going to carry off some fancy prices next fall.

During the last sixty days all grades of tobacco from 15 cents up have declined in price and many farmers have become alarmed at such a turn in prices, when usually heretofore those grades have held their own at this season of the year. We have been asked quite a number of times what the cause of this is. As a matter of fact, we don't know what all the militating influences are, but from the information that we can gain chief cause is this. Some time last fall several of the largest plug manufacturing concerns of the west decided to go into the manufacture of cigarettes in competition with the American Tobacco Co. Their object is a matter of course was to make money but the idea was not suggested until the American Tobacco Co. entered into the manufacture of plug tobacco. The American Tobacco Co. put upon the market a brand of plug tobacco called the Battle Ax to compete with Drummond's Horse Shoe brand. The wholesale price of this tobacco was reduced in two or three months nearly 63 per cent and it would be well to state just here that this great reduction in the price of this tobacco as a matter of fact lowered the price of wrappers almost in the same proportion, as our Eastern Carolina bright wrappers was used on this plug. This is one of the main reasons why wrappers were so much lower last fall than formerly. In consequence of this the western concerns entered the arena of cigarette manufacturing. A repetition of the plug war set in between the American Tobacco Co. and these concerns composed principally of Liggett & Meyers, Drummond, P. J. Sorg, Lorillard and others.

The American Co. in order to meet their competitors began the manufacturing of a low grade cigarette which they put up in packages of twenty for five cents. The Western men began to advertise their goods in a pretty lively way and thus the war set in in the cigarette world. The lower price of cutting stock is the present result of this cigarette war in that the manufacturers of cigarettes in order to make their accustomed profits and to meet the competition have been forced to buy a low grade cutter to use in making cigarettes and during the last few months no attention has been paid to American cutting stock except the very low grades which have been selling much higher than formerly. The writer has given this matter a good deal of thought and as a result of our

investigations and from what we can learn from those best informed on this matter there is no doubt but that cutting tobacco will go back to its original price before another season. Our personal views are that cutters will be higher the coming season than they have been for some time and we don't think there is anything to cause any unnecessary alarm.

ANOTHER FIRE AT THE MILL.

Firemen Come to the Rescue and Again Save the Plant.

About 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the prolonged blowing of the whistle at the mill of the Greenville Lumber Co. told the people down town that there was fire at the mill. Crowds of people hurried out there to find a fire burning fiercely in the shaving room. Dense volumes of smoke arising from the house indicated that there was much fire on the inside and that a hard fight would be required to subdue it.

The first of the fireman to arrive was the Rough and Ready company with their truck. Their ladders were quickly up, and two bucket brigades soon had water going freely on the house. But the body of the fire could not be reached by means of buckets and kept gaining headway until Hope Fire Company with their engine arrived a few minutes later, by which time the flames had burst through near the eaves on one end and side of the building, and it was a mass of fire inside. All hands then went to work with the engine and it was only a short while before the fire was yielding to the flood of water from the nozzles. About half an hour's hard work put the fire out and had everything safe.

This is the third time the mill has had a fire in the shaving house and twice the plant has been saved by our fire engine. Fortunately there is plenty of water at the mill and the engine was able to get in good work.

IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Matters Of Interest Over the State.

Ex-Gov. T. M. Holt is very sick at his home in Alamance county.

At Thomasville on Monday Lee Westmoreland killed Alfred. Welborn. Welborn had suspicions of Westmoreland's intimacy with his wife and attacked him. The murderer is in jail.

Mrs. Pattie D. B. Arrington has sworn out another warrant for perjury against ex-Judge Spier Whitaker. Judge Whitaker says the prosecution is malicious and frivolous.

A National bank is to be established at Goldsboro.

The Bazaar.

A large crowd was at the entertainment in the Star Warehouse, Tuesday night, given by the ladies of the M. E. Church for the benefit of the parsonage fund, and they found the occasion very enjoyable indeed. A large portion of the warehouse was curtained off and handsomely decorated, with inviting booths placed along at intervals.

The "Fairy Drill" by twenty-four little girls in pretty costumes was the leading feature of the evening. The drill was under the direction of Miss Hortense Forbes. The little folks executed the different movements charmingly and in good time, and were applauded at the close.

The Forbes Orchestra, with its excellent music added much to the pleasure of every one.

The "Southern Leader," still holds the lead as the best 5 cent smoke. Nothing equals it. D. S. SMITH.

Boys Spring Suits.



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 Saturday, April 4th, 1896.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1896.

One of the great lights of Populism in Gaston will have to sue some of his Montana friends for infringement. We note in an easy-going paragraph that in that State the Populists are planning to put in their next platform three great remedies for the evil times.

Butler Losing his Grip.

It is pretty generally given out by the Republicans that Senator Marion Butler has no more than a tail hold at most upon the Populist party in the matter of fusion. In sixty counties there are fusion county officers and these are not likely to surrender their chances of election to humor a political whim of the Populist Senator whose own nest is feathered for six years.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Missionary Boards and Methods of Work.

The Bible makes it the duty of the Christian church to give the world the gospel. This being true, the question of methods is of prime importance. To carry out this command it is said that the apostles "went everywhere preaching the gospel."

Missionary Society was laid in 1792 when Baptist ministers retired to the little parlor of the widow Bessley Wallis, and contributed 13£ 2s. 6d., under the leadership of William Carey, who was their first and doubtless greatest Missionary. He went to India the following year.

The London Missionary Society was founded in 1795. This was composed of the representatives of different churches, and was the immediate friend of Carey Bengal Mission.

Then followed the Glasgow Missionary Society, the Church Missionary Society, the Bible and Pure Literature Society all in 1799. These were following other Missionary Societies in England and Scotland.

In the United States, "The American Board of Foreign Missions" 1810, "American Baptist Union" in 1814, "Methodist Episcopal Society" in 1819. The dates of organization of Mission Boards in Presbyterian, Protestant, Episcopal and some of the other churches, I fail to find. They are however, about the same age of the other Missionary Boards.

It will be seen from above, (1) That all Missionary churches have Missionary Boards who direct the Missionary work at home and abroad, that grew out of small beginning upon the part of a few Missionary spirits, (2) That the distinctively Missionary spirit of the Christian church only dates from the last years of the eighteenth century and is therefore about one hundred years old. In subsequent articles, I shall give some account of the results of the faith and toil of these Missionary heroes, and show that the last has been by far the most prosperous century of the church's history. G. A. OGLESBY.

Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin.

CENTRAL OFFICE, Raleigh, N. C., Monday April 6, '96.

The past winter, on the whole has been a very favorable one for farm work in North Carolina. Although the first three months were below the normal in temperature the deficiencies were not great, and the effect was chiefly to delay the blooming of fruit trees, so that several sharp frosts in March did little, if any, damage. There was an excess of rain in February, but March was relatively dry, and favored uninterrupted farm work.

The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin, issued by the North Carolina State Weather Service, for the week ending Saturday, April 4, 1896, indicate a very diversified week, the earlier part favorable, with warm weather and generally plenty of rain, the latter part unfavorable on account of cool, frosty weather. In the northern portions of the Western District there was too much rain. The temperature was above normal March 29th to April 1st, and below the rest of the week.

EASTERN DISTRICT.—The past week in the Eastern District was generally favorable, though the rains from March 29th to April 2d interrupted farm work. There was a little too much rain only along the northern coast. The last three days were clear, cool and windy. Frost occurred on two mornings, which injured strawberries, but the winds were so brisk that little damage is thought to have occurred to fruit trees, of which peach, plum and cherries are in bloom. Spring seems rather late and vegetation backward. Truck crops, though retarded by cool weather, seem to be doing well. Vegetables are just coming up in the north, and are much further advanced in the south. Considerable progress has been made with gardens. Irish potatoes have been planted, and sweet potato slips are being bedded. Corn planting is well advanced. Farmers, on the average, are well up with their work, and their lands are well prepared.

FIRE ENGINES IN TEXAS.

Great Times for the Natives When the Bells Sound the Alarm.

St Larkins, of El Paso, Tex., was standing at the door of the Arlington talking with a Washington friend a few days ago, when a fire engine and hook and ladder rushed past with a great clanging of bells en route to the fire.

"Great spectacle, that," remarked the Washington man.

"Yep, considerable show," responded the Texan.

"Never see anything of that sort down in El Paso, I s'pose?" said the Washingtonian, with a questioning inflection in his statement.

The Texan turned and gave his friend a searching look, in which pity and contempt seemed to struggle for the mastery, and then proceeded to give him a few pointers on fires and fire departments as he knew them at home.

"Why," snorted Mr. Larkins, "if we couldn't get up a better show and more enthusiasm than that when a fire broke out in our town we'd let her burn down and move over into Passo del Norte and live in 'dobes with the greasers. Talk about a 'great spectacle!' You'd think it was a universal panorama if you could see the fire department of El Paso turn out once.

"Why, man, it is counted the greatest honor that a man in our town can have conferred on him to be elected a member of the fire department. All the best citizens belong. When the big bell strikes you bet everything else stops until that fire is put out. It is the only occasion when the deal stops at the fare banks, and when a fire comes on Sundays that teachers all dismiss their congregations with a mighty short benediction and hoof it for the scene of the conflagration.

"Then you ought to see our engine. She's a daisy, and don't you forget it. Double handles at each side, and room for four men at each handle. Everything painted red and a brass eagle on the top of the pump barrel. We keep four Spanish mules standing in the stable all the time, harnessed and ready to pull out at a moment's notice. Hank Tompkins, the driver, is the slickest man in his business in the whole southwest. When he pulls out for a fire you can bet your last simoleon everything else has got to stand from under. He turns the corners so fast that the boys on Red Betsey, as they call the engine, have to hang on to the outside curve to keep her from upsetting; sometimes she goes clean over, but not often, and it only takes a minute to right her agin. Sometimes the boys do it before Hank gets the mules to a dead stop, and off they go agin."

"Oh! I tell you it is a grand sight to see Hank comin' down the street with his whip a-crackin' and then two little blue leaders just a-standin' on their hind feet and clawin' out at the air like. When he passes it takes half an hour for the dust to settle where he went along. An', then, you ought to see the crowds. Why, you never see anything like it. Men, women and children all turn out to see the boys lick the fire. When they go through 'Dobertown Hank mos' always runs over two or three greaser kids; they're always so slow 'bout gettin' out er the way. And dogs, oh, Lord! I'll bet I've seen 400 if there was one all runnin' an' rippin' an' barkin' behin' Hank and the engine. Sometimes Hank runs over eight or ten of 'em, but he can't stop for dogs or nuthin' else for that matter.

"Say, pard, 'deed you never have seen a fire turnout in this town, 'if that which just went by is a sample."—Washington Star.

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A. B. ELLINGTON.

Greenville Market.

Corrected by S. M. Schultz.

Table listing market prices for Butter, Western Sides, Sugar cured Hams, Corn, Corn Meal, Flour, Family, Lard, Oats, Sugar, Coffee, Salt per Sack, Chickens, Eggs per doz, Beeswax per.

Cotton and Peanuts

Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

Table listing prices for Cotton (Good Middling, Middling, Low Middling, Good Ordinary, Tone—dull) and Peanuts (Prime, Extra Prime, Fancy, Spanish, Tone—firm).

GREENVILLE TOBACCO MARKET REPORT.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

Table listing tobacco prices for Tops (Green, Bright, Red) and Lugs (Common, Good, Fine) and Cutters (Common, Good, Fine).

Professional Cards.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Dated Mar. 14, 1896.	No. 23 Daily.	No. 25 Daily.	No. 27 Daily.	No. 29 Daily.
Leave Weldon	A. M. 11 55	P. M. 9 27		
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1 00	10 20		
Lv Tarboro	12 12			
Lv Rocky Mt.	1 00	10 20		5 45
Lv Wilson	2 05	11 03		
Lv Selma	2 53			
Lv Fayetteville	4 30	12 53		
Ar. Florence	7 25	3 00		

No. 49 Daily.	No. 51 Daily.	No. 53 Daily.	No. 55 Daily.
Lv Wilson	P. M. 5 08		A. M. 6 20
Lv Goldsboro	5 10		7 05
Lv Magnolia	4 16		8 10
Ar. Wilmington	5 45		9 45

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Dated Mar. 14, 1896.	No. 78 Daily.	No. 82 Daily.	No. 86 Daily.	No. 90 Daily.
Lv Florence	A. M. 8 15	P. M. 7 40		
Lv Fayetteville	10 58	9 40		
Lv Selma	12 32			
Ar. Wilson	1 30	11 35		

No. 48 Daily.	No. 52 Daily.	No. 56 Daily.	No. 60 Daily.
Lv Wilmington	A. M. 9 25		P. M. 7 00
Lv Magnolia	10 56		8 31
Lv Goldsboro	12 05		9 40
Ar. Wilson	1 00		10 27

No. 78 Daily.	No. 82 Daily.	No. 86 Daily.	No. 90 Daily.
Lv Wilson	P. M. 1 20		P. M. 10 32
Ar. Rocky Mt.	2 17		11 15
Ar. Tarboro	4 00		
Lv Tarboro			
Lv Rocky Mt.	2 17		12 11
Ar. Weldon			1 01

Train on Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3.55 p. m., Halifax 4.1 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4.55 p. m., Greenville 6.47 p. m., Kinston 7.45 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7.20 a. m., Greenville 8.22 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:00 a. m., Weldon 12:20 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:00 a. m., and 3:00 p. m. arrives Pamlico 9:50 a. m., and 4:40 p. m., Tarboro 10:45 a. m., returning leaves Tarboro 2:30 p. m., Pamlico 10:20 a. m., and 6:20 p. m., arrives Washington 11:50 a. m., and 7:10 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., via Albemarle & Raleigh R. R. daily except Sunday, at 4:50 p. m., Sunday 3:00 p. m.; arrive Plymouth 9:00 p. m., 5:25 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 6:00 a. m., Sunday 9:30 a. m., arrive Tarboro 10:25 a. m. and 11:45 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 6:05 a. m. arriving Smithfield 7:30 a. m. Returning leaves Smithfield 8:00 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 9:30 a. m.

Trains in Nashville branch leave Rocky Mount at 4:30 p. m., arrives Nashville 5:05 p. m., Spring Hope 5:30 p. m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8:30 a. m., Nashville 8:30 a. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 9:45 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Trains on Latta branch, Florence R. R., leave Latta 6:40 p. m., arrive Dunbar 7:50 p. m., Clio 8:45 p. m. Returning leave Clio 6:10 a. m., Dunbar 6:30 a. m., arrive Latta 7:50 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, 11:10 a. m. and 8:50 p. m. Returning leaves Clinton at 7:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

Train No. 75 makes close connection at Weldon for all points daily, all rail via Richmond, also at Rocky Mount with Norfolk and Carolina R. R. for Norfolk and all points North via Norfolk.

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BIKE DEFORMITIES.

Some of the Effects of Too Close Devotion to the Wheel.

The Human Form Divine Distorted and Rendered Unightly by Excessive Indulgence in a Healthful Exercise.

It is agreed by medical men that the bicycle may produce effects on the rider of decided benefit to health, always providing, of course, the machine is used with a due appreciation of the injuries which the wheel is also capable of inflicting.

The subject of this sketch, however, is not so much the rider who rides the wheel properly and obtains benefit therefrom, as the one who rides for riding's sake and with no regard whatever for his physical welfare. In other words, the bicycle fiend, who rides with the apparent purpose of making himself ridiculous.

Of all the deformities produced by riding the strained, nervous expression known as the bicycle face is most pronounced. It is so common nowadays that a description of it here would be a waste of valuable space.

Another common deformity is the bicycle back, which is produced by the cramped, crouching and stoop-shouldered position so much affected by couchers. This position cramps the chest and its contents, thus limiting the breathing capacity of the lungs.

The bicycle neck is also becoming more prominent every day. There are two common varieties of this deformity. The first is produced when the rider bends forward and lowers his head as if he were trying to touch the tire of the forward wheel with his nose. In this position the rider's back and neck describe a half circle. The other form of neck is produced when the rider sits astride his machine in much the same position, with the exception that he holds his head back as far as possible—in fact, so far that his head and neck form a right angle with the upper part of his back.

Bicycle arms may be seen on the boulevard any pleasant day. The fiend spins along with his back and neck as described above and his elbows projecting outward as far as possible. He is usually so accustomed to this abnormal position that he finds it next to impossible to straighten his arms and assume any other when not riding.

The hands and wrists also come in for their share in the general deformity. The hands are usually held at a pronounced angle with the arms, and are obliged to support the entire weight of the upper part of the body.

Bicycle legs are also characteristic of this peculiar specimen. They are usually knock-kneed, with an abnormal development of the calf. The peculiar position of the feet causes him to toe in, producing bicycle toes, similar to pigeon toes.

As a result of indiscriminate riding, scorching, and racing, we see a long, strained and nervous-ripped, crooked-necked, round-shouldered, narrow-chested, hump-backed, knock-kneed and pigeon-toed specimen of humanity, whose elbows protrude at the times and whose hands resemble those of Johanna more nearly than those of any normal specimen of the genus homo.

Not only does this specimen disfigure himself, but he is apt to injure his eyesight. French eye specialists have recorded numerous cases of visual disturbances among bicyclers. The most common form of the trouble is found in those who ride at a very rapid pace and climb steep hills.

Riders are usually seized with severe vertigo and a sudden diminution of vision in one or both eyes. When the eyes are examined by an oculist traces of retinal hemorrhage are usually found.

The heart also suffers as a result of scorching and long-distance racing. From over-acting it may become dilated and very much enlarged, causing serious trouble.—J. F. Whitmyer, M. D., in N. Y. World.

HE GOT THE ORDER.

And Could Probably Have Sold Her Two or Three More.

The Gentlemanly Cavasser—"Sense me, miss, but is your mother, the lady of the house, at home?"

"I am the lady of the house."

"Impos—beg your pardon, ma'am. It came so startling. So young and with such respon—pardon me again, ma'am. And now, miss—I mean ma'am—I have an article here which I am sure will appeal to all ladies of good taste. It is called the K. K. K.—the Kwicky Konvertible Kombination—Kostume. There, when worn in this form it is intended for the promenade. By turning up the hem it is the sloppy day ideal. Looped on these two hooks it becomes the mountain climber's pride. A loop here and a curve there and it's ready for the gymnasium. Two more hooks and a row of invisible buttons and it's a daisy on the bike. If looped on the belt in this fashion it becomes the clam digger's joy. These elastic bands prepare it for the use of lady horsebreakers, and when worn with our multiplied skirt it is the sine qua non for skirt dancers. "Sense me, ma'am, but with your figure the K. K. K. would be a bute and a joy forever. Shall I take your order, miss—I mean ma'am? Thanks."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ENGLISH VITAL STATISTICS.

The Marriages, Births and Deaths During the Year 1894.

The 57th annual report of the registrar general of marriages, births and deaths in England and Wales in 1894 has just been published. His statistics are based on a population estimated to number in the middle of the year 1894 30,060,763 persons (14,565,660 males and 15,495,103 females). The number of marriages registered was 226,449, corresponding to a rate of 15.1 persons married per 1,000 living. The rate in 1893 was 14.7, and the average rate from 1884 to 1893 was 14.9. This recovery coincided with a slight fall in the value of British exports, and with a fall in the price of wheat of 13.3 per cent. below that of 1893, which had been the lowest on record. Of the marriages contracted in 1894 155,352, or 686 per 1,000, were celebrated according to the rites of the Established church, and 71,097, or 314 per 1,000 otherwise. Of the 221,215 couples whose ages were stated in the register the mean ages were 28.41 for men and 26.15 for women. The figures for 1894 show the first notable break in the increase of the mean age at marriage, which has been going on for several years. This is not accompanied by any increase in the proportions of under-age marriages.

Births during the year numbered 690,289, and were in the proportion of 29.6 per 1,000 persons living, being the lowest on record, and showing a fall of 2 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the preceding decade. The deaths amounted to 498,827, a proportion of 16.6 per 1,000. The average rate in the preceding ten years was 19.2. The death rate in 1894 was considerably lower than in any previous year on record. In 1894 the death rates at the several age groups were not only considerably lower than the mean rates in the previous four years, but were also lower even than the exceptionally low rates of 1888 and 1889. The death rate in the urban districts was 17.1, or more than 15 per cent., and in the rural districts 15.6, or nearly 11 per cent. below the decennial average. The deaths from smallpox numbered 820, or 27 per 1,000,000, as compared with 49 per 1,000,000 in 1893. The scarlet-fever rate was the lowest, and the enteric-fever rate almost the lowest on record. On the other hand, the diphtheria mortality was 53 per cent. above the decennial average. The deaths attributed to suicide were 2,729, or 91 per 1,000,000, the highest rate on record.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SPRING WRAPS.

Capes and Jackets Will Both Be Worn with the Latter in the Lead.

It is too early for genuine novelties in spring wraps which can be accepted as the reigning style of the season, but a few models which are at least new may serve as suggestions of things to come. Capes and jackets will both be worn, and the latter, cut with loose fronts and sack back, seem destined to lead the styles in coats. They are made in smooth-faced cloths and in velvet as well, when the yoke is usually trimmed with jet. The plaited back is much more graceful than the straight cut, and the yoke of the velvet coat is covered with colored silk passementerie, while accordion-plaited chiffon forms the epaulets and full neck ruche.

Another coat of black cloth is slightly curved at the side seam to fit in to the figure, and the fullness is arranged in two decided box plaits. The epaulets are of white satin, closely beaded with Black. Capes are cut reasonably full and more sloping on the shoulder to hang gracefully over the drooping sleeves, and finished at the neck with a ruche of ribbon and chiffon, unless made of cloth, when they have a high standing collar. One model is carried out in black duchess satin, decorated with applique figures of colored passementerie, and has a V of black velvet down the back and front, edged with a frill of black kilted chiffon.

The second cape is decidedly a summer garment, and is made of gauzy black grenadine over a black glace silk lining. Chime silk flowers are applied at intervals with opal colored beads and black paillettes, and the ruffle on the edge and ruche around the neck are double of black chiffon over white. Tailor-made capes are in all the shades of fawn cloth, stitched around with white silk, and a stylish high collar is cut out in squares around the edge, where it is faced with velvet.—N. Y. Sun.

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TRAIN AND BOAT SCHEDULES.

Passenger, and mail train going north, arrives 8:22 A. M. Going South, arrives 6:47 P. M.

North Bound Freight, arrives 9:50 A. M. leaves 10:10 A. M.

South Bound Freight, arrives 2:00 P. M. leaves 2:15 P. M.

Steamer Tar River arrives from Washington Monday, Wednesday and Friday leaves for Washington Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Fair to-night and Thursday, warmer.

APRIL ATOMS.

Sprinklings Caught Under the Reflector's Umbrella.

We had both frost and ice this morning.

25,000 "Sweet Moments" Cigarettes at Jobber's prices.

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Services in the Methodist church to-night.

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Work has commenced on Mrs. Jarvis' three stores.

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Messrs. W. L. Brown and W. B. Wilson are moving into their new offices.

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The box sewer on Washington street is getting in very bad condition in some places.

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One thing sure, if the weather continues as bright as today it will not remain cold much longer.

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J. L. Starkey & Bro. are now agents for C. A. Vick's steam laundry at Suffolk, Va. See advertisement.

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On Tuesday afternoon two lawyers got their tempers up almost to a "scrapping" heat while conducting a case in court. The Judge ordered the Sheriff to preserve peace.

The town has had the side walk straightened in front of the burned district on east side of the street. The change makes an improvement in the appearance of the street.

A young man named Fearner Tripp received a right bad cut across the forehead while at the fire this afternoon. One of the buckets thrown from the top of the building struck him.

People in some of the western counties of the State must not know what it is to pay taxes. The list of delinquents in Iredell county, as published in the Mascot, contains about 800 names.

Congress has passed the Cuban resolutions by a vote of 244 to 27. And now Spain may do some more loud talking, but it will not amount to anything but bluster. Cuba is going to be free yet.

APRIL ANATOMY.

More Commonly Called Folks—The List Larger To-Day.

C. S. Riley left for his home in Baltimore to-day.

Miss Pearl Hornaday, of Greene, is visiting Mrs. B. F. Sugg.

Miss Flossie Humber left Tuesday evening on a visit to Grifton.

Miss Clara Bruce Forbes returned from Kinston this morning.

J. E. Langley, of Richmond, arrived Tuesday evening to visit his parents.

John R. Morris, of Goldsboro, the very popular poet-orator drummer, was in town to-day.

Joseph Louchheim and wife, of Philadelphia, arrived Tuesday evening to visit the family of M. R. Lang.

Hon. C. S. Hamilton, of Biddeford, Me., who has been here on a visit to his brother S. C. Hamilton, left for his home to-day.

Ed. Brown, who for several months has held a position as telegraph operator at the depot here, left this morning to take a similar position at Tunis.

We were glad to see John Hare, now of Wilson, in town to-day. It has been five years since he was in this section of the State, and he says the changes that have taken place in that time are almost wonderful.

Capt. J. A. Ramsey, who for the past two months has been here working in the interest of the Royal Arcanum, left Tuesday evening for his home in Salisbury. The Captain made many friends here.

W. J. Corbett is home from Greenville where he has been for some time engaged in the tobacco business. The reports come that he was not only successful in business, but was quite a beau among the ladies.—Durham Cor. Raleigh News & Observer.

Our Poet, Cardenas and Golden Seal Cigars at Jesse W. Brown's.

Bethel Items.

BETHEL, N. C., April 7, 1896.

Rev. A. Barnes returned from Baltimore last week and filled his pulpit in the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

Rev. J. W. Powell filled his regular appointment in the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

Miss Lemmie Fleming, of Great Swamp, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Post Master S. A. Ga'nor and G. Andrews went to Greenville today.

Hookerton Items.

HOOKEKTON, N. C., April 7, '96.

Mrs. Joe Pearson was here a few days ago.

Authur L. Butt will be here April 16, 17 and 18 with his famous paintings.

Herbert Rountree, of Kinston, was here this week, drumming as usual.

Misses Mamie Bryant, Nannie Frizell and Edwena Barnes were visiting in our town last week.

Some of our citizens made a business trip to Snow Hill today.

We need a railroad. It is a pity that some syndicate don't build one through here. We have a fine farming country and a road will pay.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Greenville Driving Association at Brown & Hooker's store on Thursday night, April 9th. Full attendance requested.

S. T. HOOKER, Sec'y.

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