

EARLY LOCALS.

Items of Interest Gathered from the Town, County and State—Briefs and Personals.

Hear the phonograph to-night. Subscribe for and read THE NEWS. Bring your job work to this office. Big reduction in mens suits at Weiler's. John H. Musselwhite spent Sunday at Saltville. Fresh lot of California prunes at C. M. Wolfe's. The crops throughout Southwest Virginia are reported to be unusually fine. R. Blait Tarter was up from Pulaski and spent several at home last week. C. M. Wolfe has just received a nice line of solid gold set and plain rings. John and Annie Mort, of Bristol, are visiting their grand-parents in this place. Best grain pepper 25c. per lb. E. Reeves & Co.

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PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 1, 1892.

EDITORS SOUTHWESTERN NEWS:—We almost felt flattered to hear that our "effort" of three weeks ago has been ascribed to a learned professor, by some of the Valley "know-alls." But they were much mistaken as we belong to the bromstick fraternity. Enclosed you'll find a rhyme that you can use provided you think it merits it.

The "tuffy business" can not end, So a few more thoughts to you we send, These "sweets" should get the printer's eye, And not a word more have we to say.

He who takes the paper knows he is in— So puts on his "specs" and smooths his chin— Has paid the editor all of ten dimes! And wants his name, to see twice ten times.

Or by the collar the devil takes— The coin from out his pocket he shakes, And makes him feel that 'twill never do, To pass him by before he gets through!

Then the sister, the sweetheart, or wife, (All as dear to him as his own life) Must have just a little word or two, Or the poor old "Printer Press" he'll sue!

Thus the weeks go by—the "locals" scanned By eager eyes and breasts that expand Certain his name or hers he will see Well as President who is to be.

What is going on? Now for some news; Well, nothing much—the weather abuse! Oh ho, the same God who makes it hot Reminds us thus of our future lot, Unless complaints we hush, on Him call, Who by His gentle hand leadeth all.

To Him then our thoughts upward raise, With true thankful hearts and joyful praise. Dear readers, had we the space and time; We would praise you all in this poor rhyme; But the printers' black looks makes us fear, The frightful yawn of the basket near!

NATALIE. Broad Ford Letter. BROAD FORD, VA., Aug. 1, 1892.

I haven't noticed a letter from this place for two or three weeks. I suppose Lodi has gone somewhere on a visit. Trade and everything else seems dull in this part of Smyth. We have had plenty of rain, and corn crops are looking well. Some of the farmers have threshed their wheat and say it turns out well. Flour has been selling at 3 1/2c., but it must drop now. Bacon is high and will be higher next year. Hogs are scarce and none to buy. The apple and peach crops are good. We will have plenty of cider to drink this fall. The young men had better drink cider than something stronger.

The new church near Oscar Millers was dedicated yesterday by Rev. Tyler Frazier. He is one of our best preachers. Rev. S. S. Weatherly has been holding a big meeting in Locust Cove. Bro. W. is a stirring man. There was a big picnic on last Saturday in Rich Valley near H. and G. Buchanan's.

W. W. George is still attending to business for H. C. Stuart, and says he rides 30 miles a day. He is also the President of the Stuart Land & Cattle Co. Dick was in the army and says he could march 50 miles a day and live on crackers. I guess he had a little mule beef to mix with his hard tack.

There have been several large cat fish caught out of the Holston river in the last few weeks. J. C. Poston says it's too hot to fish. What has become of Clinker?—gone over to the Third party I guess? R. T. R. says he will have to vote for Weaver.

Job Work. Bring your job work to THE NEWS office. We have just received a supply of new job type, and are better than ever prepared to print visiting cards, wedding invitations, letter-heads, note-heads, bill-heads, statements, circulars, etc. We will give satisfaction and guarantee prices.

Mens and boys overalls at Weiler's. Bucklen's Aftica Salve. THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by O. C. Sprinkle, Druggist.

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Mystery of a Skeleton.

A Man's Body Tied to a Tree and Left to the Buzzards.

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 4.—Considerable interest has been aroused here owing to an examination which was to-day begun by the county authorities. The cause for this investigation was a report that a man had been tied to a tree and stabbed to death near Daybreak Landing some weeks ago and that his carcass was being devoured by the birds of the air.

A colored man named Robert Whitmore admits that he tied the corpse upon the bank of the river, but states that he found it floating in the James and, assisted by a white man, dragged it ashore. Whitmore denies that the dead man bore any evidence of violence when he saw it, other than a mark across the neck, which was apparently caused by the chafing of his shirt. Others have seen the remains upon the river bank, and the most mysterious part of the entire affair is that no one reported it to the county coroner or any other official to-day, and Whitmore claims to have taken the body out of the water about seven weeks ago.

It is said that the remains of the unfortunate man have been destroyed by buzzards, and only a few bones now mark the spot. No arrests have as yet been made.

These August Days.

Are trials to the soul. The birds forget to sing. Tempt the ferns to droop. We cry, "My kingdom for a tree." Suggest rest, while seeming to defy it.

Reminds us that fruit cannot wait for cans. How patriotic we are! We all love the country. No dinner lunch is complete without a salad. Breezes are at a premium, the sun at a big, big discount.

Avoid great days work, and labor moderately in the hours before noon.

An Amusing Incident.

A very amusing incident occurred not 1,000 miles from this place some time ago. A gentleman and his wife were trying to drive a hog into a back lot from the front yard. The front gate being open, the wife took her stand at that point to keep the hog, which was a very large one, from going out that way, but her presence did not change the course of his hogship. He ran between her feet, her dress catching over his snout, threw her lengthwise on the animal's back, and he carried her for several hundred yards up a prominent street. The husband is not permitted to tell this story in the presence of his wife.

Cullings From the Courier.

Love breeds insanity when too freely indulged in. You must be a friend if you expect friendship. If a woman ever kept a secret it was one she forgot.

The goddess of justice was born blind, has gone deaf, and will dispose of her scales to the lowest bidder. The weather has been such that man has been forced to eat bread by the sweat of his brow. No one is wholly independent unless it be the inmates of poor house—the State assumes their obligation. How would it do for the law to be so changed that every community would have the power to hang or penitentiary every destroyer of human life!

When we all go back to-day the potter will get us and turn us into crocks. Then the old women of the future generation will thump us to see if we are sound before they risk their jam in us.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory, and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health to the use of the Great Alternative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of kidneys, liver or stomach, of long or short standing, you will surely find relief by the use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c and \$1 per bottle, at Dr. Sprinkle's drug store.

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Virginia News.

Items of Interest Gathered from Our Latest Exchanges and Boiled Down.

King George county is afflicted with an epidemic of flux, which has proved fatal in many cases. The total of State and city licenses issued in Roanoke for the current year amounts to \$43,275.96.

The Victoria furnace at Goshen, Va., is furnishing iron to the United States Navy department for making armor plates for war ships.

The Dismal Swamp canal which cost one million, five hundred thousand dollars, has been sold at public auction for ten thousand, one hundred dollars, cash.

Charles J. Madison, the father of Fannie Lillian Madison, for whose murder T. J. Cluverius was hanged, died in Richmond, Wednesday, aged fifty-six years.

The corner stone of the monument to the memory of Mary, the mother of Washington, will be laid at Fredericksburg during the coming autumn. The officers of the association have upwards of \$20,000 in hand, which is a guarantee against failure.

In Roanoke, last week, Miss Laura Craybill was struck by a bullet, while walking in the street, and narrowly escaped serious if not fatal injury. The missile fortunately struck a corset spring, and glancing off struck a boy standing near. No report was heard, and the shot is a mystery.

After a quarrel last week with his mother, in which he cursed her and other members of the family, Elijah Gladden, a young white man living near Hollowell, Accomac county, rushed out of the house and threw himself in front of a train on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad and was crushed to death.

The Amherst board of supervisors have decided to reduce the salaries of all the county officers, and this action will doubtless curtail the list of candidates. The supervisors have also adopted a plan for the working of the roads of the county which they think will secure better facilities for reaching the markets. Among other things, each district will have one overseer, empowered to employ assistants.

CRISP AND CASUAL.

The average man has 2,304,000 pores in his skin. The mayor of Sweet Springs, Mo., gets \$60 a year. In ten years the descendants of two rabbits will number 70,000,000.

The first postoffice opened its doors in Paris in 1462; in England, 1581; in America, 1710. A straw hat and a linen duster have been worn for 40 years by Dr. S. B. Victor of Columbia, Mo.

A Chinese sect believes that women by embracing vegetarianism will become men on the judgment day. In one of Gladstone's own elections his friends are said to have expended \$240,000 in his behalf. An average English election costs \$25,000.

A Japanese soldier has invented a gun which enables the possessor to send "a cloud of blinding dust" into the eyes of a foe at a distance of 12 feet. In 1774 Maskelyne, the astronomer royal of England, first calculated the weight of the earth. The weight, as estimated in Encyclopaedia Britannica (ninth edition), vol. II, page 783, is 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

The Pulpit and the Stage. Rev. F. M. Shront, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mount, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight." Arthur Love's manager Love's funny folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence I am convinced Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, beats them all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at S. W. Dickinson's Drug Store. Regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

