

Amantha N. C.
Dec. 8th. 1888.
To the DEMOCRAT.
In an article recently published in the columns of your paper reference is made to two institutions of learning on Cove Creek.

The schools named, are those taught by Messrs. Blackburn and Bingham. Mr. Bingham is teaching a public school in a very large District with a good average attendance. We accept with gratification the brief encomium of "Jack" in reference to Mr. Bingham, but there are numbers of other common schools in our section of the county taught by efficient instructors, whose unremitting labors in the cause of education deserves also, at least, a passing notice. Miss Pantha Hicks closed a school on the 7th. inst. The average attendance of which, was unusually large for the District in which she taught. Miss Pantha as we are informed gave general satisfaction, and we congratulate the people of the Laurel Branch in being able to secure the services of so amiable and accomplished a lady as Miss Hicks in training their children in the rudiments of an education. At the Mouth of the North Fork Mr. Maxfield is also teaching a large school, and while I am not informed as to the general estimation in which he is held as a teacher by the people of that locality and yet from the high character he bears as a first class instructor I am fully assured his services in that District are efficient and acceptable. Cove Creek Academy however in my estimation stands as the great beacon light of learning for this entire section of Watauga. The common schools to which we have referred and many others are doing much, but to this part of our country the labors Prof. Blackburn and his able assistants have been quite perceptible in the general diffusion of knowledge and in the refinement of the young. The Academy building is a large two story house, the appearance of which, has been greatly improved by the public spirit and generosity of the Principal.

There are enrolled 162 students with an average attendance of 85. Miss Mattie Abernathy one of the most successful music teachers in the State has a class of 13. Miss Sledge the refined and scholarly assistant is a young lady of no ordinary accomplishments, a graduate of Greensboro Female College. She came among us well qualified to meet the sanguine expectations of her patrons. In this school there are two young ladies and four young men ready for College. There are 26 boarders attending school and the faculties for many more are ample at rates to which few could object. For young ladies and gentlemen intending to teach, a course of training in this school is of the greatest importance.

The very gratifying success attending the efforts of Mr. John Bingham in the education of the young, is in a very great measure attributable to his having received a successful course of training from Prof. Blackburn and Miss Sledge.

Enoch Swift.

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Dec. 19. 1888. 4t.

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STATIONS.	read	west bound	east bound
	(down)	no 50	no 52.
Boston	Lv. 7 p m.	8:30 am	
New York	" 12 15 ni.	4:30 pm	
Philadelphia	" 7 20 am	6:57 pm	
Baltimore	" 9 45 am	9:42 pm	
Washington	" 11 24 "	11 60 "	
Lynchburg	" 5 50 pm	5 10 am	
Danville	" 8 50 "	8 05 "	
Richmond	" 3 10 "	2 30 "	
Ridgville	" 9 41 "	8 50 "	
Wilmington	" 9 00 a m		
Morehead	" 5 37 a m		
Goldsboro	" 2 40 p m	8 10 a m	
Raleigh	" 5 00 "	1 45 p m	
Norham	" 6 04 "	3 12 "	
Greensboro	" 10 45 "	9 50 a m	
Salisbury	Ar 12 21 night	11 18 "	
Salisbury	Lv 12 45 "	11 25 "	
Statesville	Ar 1 51 a m	12 12 noon	
Newton	" 2 53 "	12 55 pm	
Wickory	" 3 20 "	1 14 pm	
Conley Spring	3 43 "	1 29 pm	
Morgantown	Ar 4 12 "	2 30 pm	
Marion	" 5 07 "	2 49 pm	
Round Knob	" 6 05 "	3 27 pm	
Black Mt.	" 6 46 "	4 00 pm	
Asheville	" 7 28 "	4 31 pm	
Not Springs	" 9 15 "	6 10 pm	
Morristown	" 11 10 "	7 30 pm	
Knoxville	" 12 45 "	8 50 pm	
Louisville	" "	7 55 a m	
Cincinnati	" "	11 55 a m	
Chicago	" "	6 55 p m	
St. Lewis	" "	8 00 p m	
Chattanooga	" 5 20 pm		
Nashville	" 12 00 night		
Memphis	" 6 40 a m.		
Asheville	Lv	8 25 a m	no. 13.
Waynesville	Ar	10 35 a m	
Charleston	"	3 05 p m	
Jarretts	"	5 48 p m	
	read	east bound	
	up	no 51	no 53
Boston	Ar 3 00 p m	9 00 pm	
New York	" 6 0 a m	1 40 "	
Philadelphia	" 3 00 a m	10 27 am	
Baltimore	" 9 20 p m	8 25 a m	
Washington	" 7 35 p m	7 00 a m	
Lynchburg	" 12 40 noon	12 40 "	
Danville	" 9 47 a m	12 00 p m	
Richmond	" 3 38 p m	5 00 a m	
Neidsville	" 9 02 a m	9 41 p m	
Wilmington	" 7 40 "		
Morehead	" 11 00 pm		
Goldsboro	" 4 10 p m	11 45 a m	
Raleigh	" 1 55 p m	6 55 a m	
Norham	" 12 35 p m	4 30 a m	
Greensboro	" 8 00 a m	8 40 p m	
Salisbury	Lv 6 27 a m	7 15 p m	
Salisbury	Ar 4 37 a m	6 38 p m	
Statesville	Lv 3 30 a m	5 56 p m	
Newton	" 2 20 a m	5 12 p m	
Wickory	" 1 56 a m	4 53 p m	
Conolly Spring	1 30 a m	4 37 p m	
Morgantown	" 1 01 a m	4 14 p m	
Marion	" 12 01 night	3 36 p m	
Round Knob	" 11 10 pm	2 35 p m	
Black Mt.	" 10 34 pm	2 00 p m	
Asheville	" 9 35 pm	1 25 p m	
Hot Springs	" 8 50 pm	11 40 a m	
Morristown	" 4 30 pm	8 35 a m	
Knoxville	" 3 05 pm	7 15 a m	
Louisville	" "	8 05 p m	
Cincinnati	" "	3 15 p m	
Chicago	" "	8 15 a m	
St. Louis	" "	7 20 a m	
Chattanooga	" 10 00 a m		
Nashville	" 8 15 p m		
Memphis	" 10 45 p m		
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Asheville	Ar	3 20 p m	
Waynesville	"	1 00 p m	
Charleston	"	8 45 p m	
Jarretts	Lv	6 00 p m	

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