CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All correspondents who write for this paper are requested to report the news briefly and confine themselves to news. Puffs for merchants come under the head of paid locals, and would be inserted at the rate of 5 cents per line, otherwise we must pencil them.

Be careful not to write anything that will prove offensive to any one; a good joke is appreciated by all, but we want to make friends and not enemies of all with whom we come in contact.

Write on only one side of your paper and be sure to sign your own name to the manuscript—not for publication but for future reference and to show good faith—a failure to do this will hereafter necessarily consign your letters to the waste basket.

Please read these notes and bear them in mind, and write on one side of the paper only.

Respectfully,
THE EDITOR.

Hopper.

Snowy, wet weather and muddy roads.

Cracking walnuts and popping corn is all the go here.

Will Hopper, our clever postmaster, passed Friendship church last Sunday with a cat in a pair of saddle pockets.

Misses Bessie Gibson and Ida Riley visited Dollie Cory, Sunday.

Perry Jarvis, of Jarvis Store, was on Bull creek last Sunday for the first time in seven years.

J. J. Cory and wife were in Barbourville the first of the week.

Gilbert Cobb, the hustling drummer, gave the merchants a pleasant call here last week. U. S.

Crane's Nest.

On December 3d J. H. Black's store was broken into, robbed and set on fire. Loss, 1,000. There was no insurance on the building.

J. H. Black has sold his saw mill outfit to L. T. Botner for spot cash.

Press Jones is shipping J. H. Black's corn mill to W. T. Payne & Co. for repairs.

W. H. Hubbard has just returned from Lexington. EAGLE.

Cannon.

[Left over from last week.]

We are having some very rough weather now and the roads are getting bad.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Henry Jackson, Jr., who died Friday night at 12 o'clock after some several months' illness, though not hardly confined to her bed until death struck her. She leaves a husband and one little baby and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Your correspondent was in Barbourville Monday on business.

Jasper Willis and son, of this place visited Will Martin and John Miller, of Jarvis' Store, Monday.

We see that Frank Hammons is moving in the house that Robert Daniels moved out of some time ago. We are glad to have Frank in our midst, though Robert was a good neighbor.

J. F. Willis is visiting friends and relatives in Claiborn county, Tenn. GRIT.

Jarvis Store.

Several of the boys are at town this week attend court.

The roads are very muddy in this section of the country but they do not get too bad for the boys to go courting.

Henry Lawson was visiting friends at Knox Fork last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs John Miller and Fayette Dizney was at Bertha the early part of this week on business.

I wonder why James Abner was not at Knox Fork Sunday. Who knows?

Rev. J. E. Bretz's regular appointment is the fourth Sunday in this month, Christmas day lets give him a large audiance.

John Dozier is opperating a coal mine this week.

Miss Fannie Beatty, of Emanuel, was visiting her brother John Beatty and family the first part of the week.

Xmas is not far away lets enjoy ourselves and have a good time for we may never see another one.

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State News.

Marrion Winton a night watchman was killed at Middlesboro by falling slate.

Edward Wilson a piano tuner of Dayton, was probably fatally shot by his father-in-law.

George Crowley an employe of the electric light plant at Guthrie, was instantly killed while cleaning a lamp.

Another attempt has been made to destroy with dynamite the buildings of the iron foundry and machine shops at Newport.

The home and barn of Lee Williams, at Smith's Grove were destroyed by fire including all the household effects, loss $3,000 with no insurance.

In a brawl near Lancaster last Saturday night at a colored festival one colored man named Mitchell and another named Sebastin were shot, and died immediately.

The contest between Dr. Hunter and Mr. Edwards is expected to come up before the Contest Committee this week. Both claim confidence in winning the seat.

In Wayne county a small child of Wm. Mercer was left in a room while the mother stepped out, when she returned the child had overturned its chair and fallen into the fire and burned to death.

Judge Shaw, of Covington, has sustained a motion of the defense in the case of John Lieberth, charged with the murder of John Lansdomn, to inquire whether or not the prisoner is of unsound mind.

At Hopkinsville the wife of Capt. W. S. Goodwin while walking across the room caught her foot under a rug and fell, breaking three of her ribs Owing to to her advanced age, 82, it is probable that her injuries may prove fatal.

Excitment prevails in Carter county owing to the rich gas strike made on the James Boggs farm by oil drillers. The gas came in so strong from the well that it could not be plugged and vast quantities were wasted.

The $1 0,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. J B. Marcum in the Clark County Circuit Court against Judge James Hargis, Senator Alex Hargis, Sheriff Ed Callahan and Judge French was begun at Winchester this week. She alleges that the above named men conspired together and brought about the assassination of her husband, J. B. Marcum, at Jackson last May. The trial is an exceedingly interesting one, and is attracting wide attention.

John L. Jones and John P. Howard were both shot and instantly killed in a free-for-all fight in Harlan county Wednesday. Trouble had existed between the two factions for some years, and when they met at a county store the trouble was renewed, and when the smoke of battle had cleared away these two men were found dead.

CIRCUIT COURT.

There has been to all appearandes very little done in court since our last report.

The Grand Jury made its final report last Saturday to the Court and was excused from further service. Contrary to the expectatio of many the Grand Jury failed to indict anyone in connection with the recent elections, although the Court had given very rigid instructions aleng that line.

Monday morning the case of the Commonwealth versus Pal Carnes, charged with murder, was begun.

It will be remembered that Pal Carnes and Jim Gray were the two men who shot Clark and John Mills at Henry Mills' store on Stinking creek last spring.

The case was finally submitted to the jury on Wednesday morning, and after being out twenty-four hours, brought in a verdict of guilty, and fixed his punishment at eight years in the penitentiary.

The case of Thomas Aslinger, for shooting and wounding, with intent to kill, not guilty.

SOUTHERN MEN

Teach the Nation How to Farm.

We have been so long accustomed to look to northern writers for our best educational books that it is decidedly a cause for satisfaction to have our own authors sought for by the leading publishers of school-books. But the recent book lists do show that Southern authors are contributing more and more to the broad national educational literature.

A late addition to the school-books which are the product of Southen brains is a volume on agriculture by Professors Burkett, Stevens, and Hill of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. It may seem remarkable to some that the South, which is supposid to know how to produce but a few staple crops that are particularly suited to its climate and soil, should be called upon to instruct the whole nation, including the great northern belt with its much vaunted diversified farming. But the excellence of southern farming is more widely recognized than we have realized. It was not very long ago that a northen farming expert was heard to remark that the best farm journal in the county, both in matter and appearance, is published in the South and its contributors are Southern men.

We do not know how it was that Ginn and Company, the Boston school-book publishers, came to select these North Carolina professors to write this new book on 'Agriculture,' but it is admitted on all sides, north, south, east and west, that they have succeeded in giving the main principles of agriculture in a nutshell. They have given such a combination of scientific and practical kowledge of agriculture as has never before been brought within such a small compass. The book is called "Agriculture for Beginners," and while simple enough for a youth to comprehend, yet it is packed full of information of value to the practical farmer. Everybody on a farm or plantation should read the book; and if his big brother, or father, or uncle gets a copy into his hands he, too, will find it mighty inetresting reading. The practical farmer who has done some deep thinking about the HOW and the RESULTS of farming will find on every page of this handbook explanations of the WHY. In reading this little book the old farmer will exclaim time and again: "Well, that explains it. I never knew just how it was before."

This book will enterest every farmer's boy in his work, and will give him new ideas enough to last him a lifetime. It will start the young farmer to thinking for himself and offers sprouts of information, which, if followed up, will grow into trees of knowledge.

Not only is the reading matter clear, concise and explanatory, but the beautiful illustrations are so apt and suggestive that there is not much to hope for in the country boy, or man either, who fails to receive inspiration from them.

This book tells first about soils—the various kinds, how they orignated, and how they may be improved. Next is taken up the relation of the soil to the plant and how the former supplies food to plant roots. Then follows a description of the action of the plant above ground and its relation to its environment.

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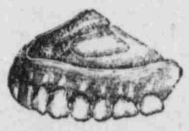
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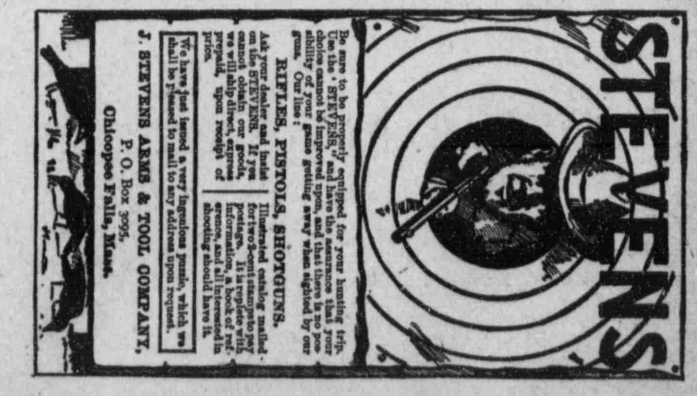

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