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[For The Messenger.

Grain Crops, &c., About Ninety-Six.

MR. EDITOR: Allow me to give you a few dots from this part of our State. The large acreage of grain sown in this section gives promise of bread if we can live until harvest. The late sown, however, is almost entirely killed.

A considerable amount of cotton held back from the last meagre crop is now being brought in this market, and trade is lively in Ninety-Six.

Quantities of corn is being sold in this market, and the town is crowded almost every day with wagons from the country, seeking supplies for the coming Spring and Summer.

There is great excitement in the neighborhood of New Market over a Panther that has recently made its appearance in an adjacent woods. A crowd of gentlemen went in pursuit of it a few nights ago, but did not succeed in killing or capturing it. The dogs seemed afraid of it, and would not go near. The pursuers could hear it screaming just ahead of them, but for want of courage, on the part of the dogs, they could not get up with it. Mr. George Rampey at one time got in sight of it, but too far off to make a successful shot. The dogs finally refusing to leave masters the pursuers had to return unsuccessful. It has not been heard since the chase. I suppose it has taken refuge in other parts. The negroes appear to be very much afraid of it.

The people of Ninety-Six, like the antedeluvians, are planting and building, buying and selling, marrying and being given in marriage.

Editors of small papers likes brevity, so I will try to please in that respect. Success to THE MESSENGER and its faithful Editor.

PHI.

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IN MEMORIAM.

I stood one winter's evening,
When the Sun had gone to rest,
Alone at an open window,
And looked upon the West,
A glow all gold and crimson
Was spread far o'er the sky,
And through this royal mantle
There gleamed one star on high.
Watching beside the window,
I beheld the gloom of night
Wrap all the world in darkness;
Yet still that wondrous light,
Crimson, and gold, was shining,
As a beacon-fire might glow,
Upon some distant mountain,
In its winding-sheet of snow.
I thought this lovely radiance
How like to faith sublime,
Illumining life's closing hours
With *light at evening time*;
The star too, a "Wise Virgin's" lamp,
Seemed burning in the sky
To guide us to the marriage feast
Of "Christ the lamb," on high,
And then, I thought of one who from
This earth had passed away—
Recalling the prophetic words
She uttered, day by day;
For when the Sun to rest had gone,
And twilight veiled the room,
She said, "The night is coming on,
And I must now go home."
Once more I looked upon the West—
I only saw the star—
For the "Pearly gates" by angel hands
No longer held ajar,
A night of gloom and darkness
Had fallen on *my way*;
For her, the hidden glory
Makes *everlasting day*.

M.

Greenville S. C., Jan. 10, 1884.

[For the Messenger.

Meeting of County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met on the 5th day of Febuary. After receiving several petitions for new roads, and appointing committees on the same, the Presentment of the Grand Jury, in regard to the enlargement of the Court House, was taken into consideration. The Commissioners were of the opinion that they have no legal authority to sell the vacant lots belonging to the County, neither have they the authority to levy a tax for said purpose, without such authority being granted by the Legislature of this State. And if they should undertake to build now they would be compelled to build on a credit, which would cost the County about twice as much as to build on a cash basis. They have therefore appointed Thursday after the first Monday in March, to make a thorough investigation of the matter and see what is proper to be done.

The Commissioners then listened to an earnest appeal, delivered by Mr. Earle P. Taylor, in regard to the drainage of 18 Mile Creek, and appointed the 19th day of Febuary to meet and attend to the matter.

—Rev. W. H. Kirton, in Southern Christian Advocate, Feb. 9th, says:

We have just received a good 'pounding,' which was projected and supervised by ladies of the church at Pickens C. H. Bro. W A. Leslie and wife, who always make good representatives, were constituted a committee to present us with numerous packages of substantial tokens of thoughtful kindness, and to inform us that no church in Pickens circuit should excel them in the grace of 'pounding.' The hams, rice, flour, sugar, coffee, sausage, fish, turkey, fruit—canned and otherwise—articles of clothing, greenbacks and many others which were received, assure us that we have never been sent to serve a more thougtful and kind people. I feel greatly encouraged in view of the possibilities of the Church in this part of our Conference territory. I expect to increase the circulation of the ADVOCATE. We will soon have the membership divided into classes, so that the classleaders can do successful work. We expect to raise every dollar of all our assessments. I see that one brother writes, '100 souls for Christ.' I say two or 300 for Christ in the bounds of this charge, and more if possible.

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