FARMVILLE HERALD.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1902.

Insurance that Insures.

Insurance that insures means the best there is in insurance; it means all honest losses are paid promptly. It means picking from the ashes the face value of your policy.

We have been selling it to satisfied customers for seventeen years.

Paulett & Paulett.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

When the evening meal is ended,
And your work is ended too,
And you're resting in your arm chair
To look the papers through,
That's the time Your Advertisement
Should be staring 'round the tide
In business for the morrow,
At your quiet fireside.

Let the frogs do all the croaking. We will be cheerful still.

Many of the Normalites are developing wonderful walking capacities.

Main street has had its first spring cleaning, and looks better. Thanks.

Mrs. Dr. White returned to Richmond on Friday to be with Miss Mollie Jackson.

Mr. R. S. Paulett is at his desk again and looking natural and well after a siege of sickness.

One of the interesting sights of town life is to watch a young couple walk up the church aisle.

One of the best jokes of the season was perpetrated in the HERALD office on last Monday afternoon.

The girl who will sit on the ground this early in March ought to have supreme confidence in her doctor.

Those mutilated Main street trees present a ghastly appearance, and seem to frown on their despoilers.

Blossoms are beginning to show themselves in enlarged shape. We hope they are not rash in peeping from their hiding places.

Miss Mary Davis, who has been spending the winter with the family of Mr. Jno. A. Scott, has returned to her home in Mecklenburg.

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., has appointed Mr. Elliott R. Booker its agent in this town.

A paved way or macadam way up High street from Main at least to the west corner of the Normal school lawn, and much oblige a long suffering public.

We know a certain man of Farmville who, on the anniversary of his birth recently, received as presents one Irish potato and two onions. Wasn't that queer?

Dr. and Mrs. Harding left on Monday for a visit to friends in North Carolina. The doctor will not be with his people on next Sunday though his pulpit will be occupied morning and night.

Rev. Dr. Potts is now the owner of one of the handsomest of our riding and driving horses, and seems to enjoy the luxury of handling the reins in high degree. Horse back exercise is the noblest known to man.

We are just as busy on the make up of the trade's journal as can well be, and we promise it the earliest possible day. The space is not all taken, and YOU may yet get position for picture and printed matter.

Advertising is as old as is the use of printers' ink, but the methods of advertising change with the coming and going years. Farmville is just now trying a new method, in the form of a trade's edition. And it will pay. Mark the prediction.

Mrs. W. G. Dunnington and her daughter, Miss Sallie, have returned from a protracted stay at the Hot Springs, of Arkansas. Mrs. Dunnington has been greatly benefited by her visit to this fountain of health, and is well and strong.

Next in importance to good roads stands an inter town-country telephone system for this section. We can't hope for all good roads within a year, but we can have the telephone system within sixty days. Some one will please lead off.

Mr. Hunter Steger has taken the "palm" for the biggest fish catch of the season, so far as heard from. On Wednesday morning he brought up from the waters of old Appomattox 32 pounds of genuine flat backs, the best of all fresh water fish.

The excursion to Richmond on Easter Monday promises to be in all respects one of the pleasantest ever run out of Farmville. Captain R. T. Adams, the only original excursion manager of Virginia, is arranging for ample accommodations for all, and the best of order and comfort are assured each patron.

There is no reason why a full supply of potatoes, irish and sweet, should not be raised in this section to meet all local wants. Now is the time to decide that this shall be done this season. Early planting is essential to success. Experience has fully demonstrated that.

Mrs. W. E. England is visiting friends at Pamplin City.

Mr. J. B. Wall was in Richmond this week on business.

Mrs. A. Hackeman arrived here Wednesday night from Baltimore.

The health record of the Normal for this session has been well nigh perfect. No serious sickness from opening hour until now, and teachers and scholars all the time ready for full, enthusiastic and efficient work.

We regret to say that one important industry in Farmville's business makeup will be, so far as heard from, "conspicuous by its absence." One that should be advertised too, more liberally and generally than any other, for it alone is absolutely dependent upon out of town patronage.

In receiving two cents' change from a man recently, Mr. J. J. Gilliam was handed two coppers, one of which bore the year of his birth and the other the date of his marriage. He keeps these as souvenirs of a remarkable coincidence.

Mr. Geo. A. Lindsay tells us that the bottom west of Bush river on the road from his home to Farmville, is in some places in dangerous condition. Another reminder that a stitch in time will save more than two stitches, perhaps as many as the time-honored nine. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and of good roads too.

Mr. O. T. Wicker announces his candidacy for the mayoralty. He needs no introduction to this people at our hands. He has gone in and out among us for lo, these many years, and his walk and conversation are known of all Farmville. Having served as mayor he is familiar with the duties of the office. His loyalty to country and to friends has been demonstrated on battle field, and in the private walks of life, and those who know him bear willing testimony to this.

Our hope was to make the trade's issue of the HERALD "unanimous," and we have come "mighty nigh" having our hope satisfied. Business Farmville, educational Farmville and religious Farmville will be faithfully pictured and presented to the outside world, but may be your business home will not be "in it." It ought to be and for the one good reason that all you are as business success is due to Farmville. Show your gratitude and make some return, and just now you have the opportunity. It won't cost you much, and if it did you ought to be willing to contribute even much.

Of a Farmville boy the Birmingham News says: "Mr. Robert D. Burger, who has been night chief for a long time at the office of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company has been promoted to day wire chief, taking the place of Mr. Andrews who resigned to go into business. Mr. Burger is a capable young man, and deserves the advance accorded him. A native of Virginia, he has made Birmingham his home for some time, and having married a Birmingham girl last October he feels that he is now fully naturalized in the city of his adoption."

Judge Henry W. Flournoy, former Secretary of the Commonwealth, but now president of the Atlantic and Pacific Oil Company, on Saturday telegraphed Dr. S. Galeski, of Richmond, from Sour Lake Station, Texas, as follows: "Our well struck oil today at 646 feet and gushed pure, high grade oil to the top of the derrick. The flow was steady and a good volume continued until the six-inch drill was out. It is too soon to estimate output. Will send particulars later." Many Richmond people are interested in this company, which is the same that struck oil in Knox county, Kentucky. The oil of Sour Lake Station, Texas, is lubricating flued of great value.

Fence or No Fence.

Shall we remove the rest of the brick wall fronting Courthouse square or enclose with an attractive iron fence? Simple curbing would look well. In many of the larger cities fencing has been abandoned, and the curb stones substituted. There is but one objection to doing away with fences with us, and that is that the town cow might not pay due regard to simple curb stones. But the town cow is not as much in evidence as in former times, and is not so much to be feared.

Teachers' Meeting.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., March 12, 1902.

Hampden Sidney public school roll of honor for week ending March 7th: Samuel Bedinger, Fred Butcher, Ruby Gilliam, Charlie Jones.

The Prince Edward Teachers' Association meets April 5th, at Farmville High School. The public as well as teachers are invited.

Cures Rheumatism or Catarrh after all else Fails.

B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) cures deep-seated cases. If liniments, doctors, sprays, patent medicines have failed and you still have aches in bones, joints or back, swellings, lose control of muscles, tainted breath, ringing in ears, mattery or slimy discharge, ulcerations of the nose or throat thin blood, then take B. B. B. which will cure to stay cured by making blood pure and rich. Try B. B. B. Druggists, $1. Trial treatment free by writing Blood Balm Company, Atlanta, Ga. Over 3000 testimonials of cures by B. B. B., so don't give up in despair but try Blood Balm. Medical advice free from experts. Write today for advice and free trial treatment.

Sold by H. C. Crute, Druggist.

Piano Tuning.

Geo. A. Poythress, artistic piano tuner and organ repairer, will be in Farmville the week of March 22nd-25th. Orders from surrounding country solicited. Leave orders at N. B. Davidson, Cridlin Bros., or address: GEO. A. POYTHRESS, Farmville, Va.

HAVE YOUR PRINTING DONE AT THE HERALD JOB OFFICE, FARMVILLE.

Town Council Meeting.

At the regular monthly meeting of the town council held Tuesday night, the following members were present: Mayor Blanton, presiding; Messrs A. E. Cralle, J. R. Martin, J. B. Farrar, E. L. Erambert, O. T. Wicker, H. E. Wall, E. L. Morris and Dr. W. E. Anderson.

The sergeant's monthly report was as follows:

By real estate,	$154 00
By personal estate,	17 00
By license,	[illegible]
By road tax,	[illegible]
By poor tax,	10 82
By electric light,	111 40
Material, H. R. B.,	19 40
By fines,	[illegible]
By capitation,	1 00
By penalties,	[illegible]
By interest,	[illegible]
	[illegible]

The treasurer made the following report:

By balance on hand last report,	[illegible]
Received from sergeant,	[illegible]
	[illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS.

To salary account,	[illegible]
To poor account,	[illegible]
To electric light account,	[illegible]
To opera house,	[illegible]
To street account,	[illegible]
To interest account,	[illegible]
To finance,	12 01
	[illegible]
By balance,	[illegible]

The following bills against the town were read, approved and ordered to be paid:

S. W. Paulett, for street warrants,	[illegible]
W. T. Doyne, coffin, &c.,	[illegible]
Ed. Matthews, janitor,	[illegible]
Ed. Matthews, jailor,	[illegible]
P. H. C. Ries, coal for poor,	[illegible]
J. F. Walton, merchandise,	[illegible]
D. L. Dugger, repairing pumps, &c.,	[illegible]
Farmville Herald,	[illegible]
N. B. Davidson, rations for poor,	[illegible]
Farmville Mfg. Co., lumber,	[illegible]
H. E. Barrow, feed for mule,	[illegible]
Farmville Telephone Co.,	[illegible]
B. F. Goodrich Co., for fire Dep't.,	[illegible]
C. Bugg & Son, rations for poor,	[illegible]
O. T. Wicker, light bills,	[illegible]
Crute & Noel Bros., merchandise,	[illegible]

Treasurer Paulett submitted the following for the council's consideration:

The liabilities of the town due between now and the April meeting are as follows:

Interest on railroad bonds,	[illegible]
Interest on electric light bonds,	[illegible]
Officers salaries,	[illegible]
	[illegible]

We are yet due about $500 to Mr. Rick. It would be advisable to order the mayor and treasurer to borrow an amount necessary to meet the above liabilities.

Very respectfully,
S. W. PAULETT, JR.,
Treasurer.

The Water Committee recommended that the council increase the pay of the water company for the use of twenty fire plugs from $400 to $525, the company to furnish water necessary for sprinkling Main, Third and High streets. Referred back to the Water Committee for some desirable amendments to the old contract held with the water company, and to be presented at the next meeting of the council.

An ordinance was adopted prohibiting the use of streets for the sale of merchandise, fish, etc.

The chief of the fire department recommended that the fire reels of the town be distributed as follows: One on High street, near the residence of Col. R. A. Booker, one on Third street, near the residence of Mr. B. L. Anderson and the third kept in the Main street house at the Opera House. Referred to the chief and the mayor as a committee to ascertain cost, &c., and report again at the next meeting of the council.

Sunday in the Churches.

There was a touch of spring in the air of last Sunday, and our people left their homes for their churches in goodly numbers.

Sunday schools were well attended too, and preachers and people, teachers and scholars must have enjoyed the day and its attendant blessings. We could hear but one preacher at one time, and the sermon of the morning was so acceptable that we were induced to hear him again at night. From the specimen we listened to the day must have contributed to the success of all our preachers, and all our congregations must have shared in the blessings which follow good and faithful preaching.

Does it ever occur to those of us of the pews that it is no easy task to entertain and keep an audience of intelligent human beings three times a week with but one theme to be treated of? There is but one explanation of the success of some preachers, and that is that the source of supply is an infinite one, and that the soul-wants of man will never be satisfied this side of Heaven. "The old, old story" but ever new.

An Important Question Answered.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Baptist church on last Sunday afternoon, and Dr. Winston presided.

The subject which engaged the attention of the meeting was put in the form of a question: "Why am I a member of Church?" to which practical and helpful answers were made by Drs. Winston and Smith.

There was sweet singing and earnest prayers interspersed throughout the meeting, and the occasion was an interesting one. It should have been more largely attended, and some who did attend should have gotten there earlier.

Store Broken Into.

The front window to the store house of W. H. Hubbard, at the corner of North and Third streets was broken Tuesday night and the place entered by thieves. The cash drawer was broken and the small amount of $1.50 taken. A few articles were carried off. An arrest of a white man was made the following morning, but there seems to be little evidence to fix the offense against him.

Stable Burned.

About 7 o'clock Wednesday night the stable and corn house of Mrs. Henry E. Watkins were destroyed by fire. It is thought to have been caused by an incendiary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Meherrin Mention.

MEHERRIN, VA., March 8, '02.

Miss Cardie V. Ewing, of the B. F. I., was here for a few days this week, visiting her parents.

Dr. C. P. Capps, who for the past four weeks has been confined to his room, is out again attending the store.

Spring it seems, has at last come upon us. The snow and sleets have all disappeared and the weather is mild and pleasant. The farmers are beginning to look around themselves and are getting in shape for farming. A lot of tobacco remains yet unsold, and for the past week the farmers have been hustling it to Petersburg, Farmville and Chase City. The roads are in an awful condition and most of the weed is going by railroad.

The German settlers continue to arrive. Several cars of furniture, &c., have been unloaded at this point the past week, and four or five families have moved in.

Mr. Joseph Frank, with his stenographer, Mr. Wm. Nettelmann, left this morning for Richmond, for the purpose of purchasing office supplies to meet the growing demands of his business. Mr. Frank has recently put in a large safe and will soon have his office perfectly equipped for his business.

Mr. Otto Van Zeek took a flying trip to Richmond yesterday.

Mrs. M. G. Price expects to leave this week for Orlando, Fla., where she goes accompanied by her son Julian, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Julian Price.

Mr. F. J. Davis, who went to West Virginia in the capacity of operator, returned a few days ago.

Mr. S. A. Davis, of South Boston, visited his people here a few days ago.

Mrs. M. J. Redd left Thursday for Richmond to see her daughter, who has recently undergone a successful operation.

Miss Mary B. Priddy, of Briery, has been spending a few days with Miss Sunnie Price.

Mrs. T. C. Haskins is spending the week with her people near Nutbush.

Stoddert Snap Shots.

STODDERT, VA., March 11, '02.

Farmers were busy burning plant beds yesterday notwithstanding the wet ground, and several succeeded while others thought it too wet.

One of the boldest robberies that has occurred here for many a day, happened last week, when a negro boy entered a lady's house near here and stole a gun from the front hall while the family were at home. The theft was traced and the gun returned.

We are anxious for the telephone system as we think it a necessity, for we are cut off from Farmville during high water and were we taken ill would probably die before we could get a doctor.

There is a fine opening here for a doctor in search of a home.

New Store News.

NEW STORE VA., March 8, 1902.

The weather has been so diversified lately that it is no longer considered a dry subject, but is discussed by every one with a great deal of interest. The subject, of not good but bad roads, however, seems the favorite one just now. The farmers who haul their tobacco to market must indeed have a hard time of it and deserve good prices when they get it there.

The country teachers of this section are interested readers of the letters of criticism, or defence as the case may be, which are filling the Virginia papers just at present. The discussion will undoubted bring about some kind of a change in the condition of the country schools, most probably a reform, the consummation as devoutly wished by the teachers as the reformers. At first it may appear that the "deplorable condition" is due almost entirely to the teachers, but by the time the matter is sifted as thoroughly as it is likely to be, it will probably be seen that the teachers are not altogether to blame for this condition of affairs. Perhaps the teachers' "year of jubilee" is near at hand when they shall sit back in the warmth of comfortable fires provided by the school boards, sit in good comfortable school-rooms, and be so fortunate at the end of each month as to be able to congratulate their trustees and receive in return their congratulations for the satisfactory salaries paid to each. The country teachers thank you, Mr. Editor, for your kindly words, and wish they could prove to you that all country schools are not altogether bad, handicapped as are the teachers by every inconvenience imaginable.

Pollard Points.

POLLARD, Amelia Co., March 11, '02.

We are having some beautiful weather and the farmers are very busy preparing their plant beds, fixing for large crops.

A large congregation assembled at Providence church on Sunday to hear Rev. A. C. Jordan, but for some reason he did not come, so we had a fine prayer meeting, conducted by Mr. J. H. Anderson and Mr. Luther Glenn.

Miss Blanch Thompson has left for Richmond to have an operation performed.

Mr. Theodora Cawley and Miss Nora Carter, of Trolley, paid a flying visit to this section last week.

Mr. J. T. Pollard has just returned from Petersburg visiting his mother and sister.

We are glad to say all the schools have commenced again after a long spell of bad weather.

Mr. Emmett Ranson has gone to Richmond to see his brother, Mr. Ben Ranson, who has been very sick with rheumatism.

Taylor made suits at 10 per cent discount at W. P. Richardson's.

Tuggle Tank Twinks.

ANTIOCH, VA., March 6, 1902.

Miss Lillian Cralle, of Evergreen, who has been spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. S. W. Farrar, returned Friday.

Mr. Napoleon Stratton, who has been ill, is much better, and is now visiting his father.

Mrs. Mollie Booker has returned to her sister, Mrs. McCracken, after an extended visit to Prospect.

Mrs. Grace Kitsenger has been slightly indisposed, but is reported better.

Mr. Fred Johnson, who moved to Monroe, N. Y., last fall, has returned and purchased a portion of Way-Side farm, where he will make his future home. He says there is no place like old Virginia.

There will be preaching at Appomattox church the 23rd of March by Mr. Mark L. Phillips, of Richmond.

Sheppards Shots.

SHEPPARDS, VA., March 12, 1902.

Surely something definite and tangible should result from the agitation of the road question. Every farm paper, every local paper and nearly every city daily is filled with suggestions in regard to our roads, but, leaves a funny state of affairs! The road from here to Farmville on the Buckingham end where it isn't worked at all is fairly good, while on the Prince Edward end, where the mules and machine "pile up dirt in the middle" all the summer, the roads are almost impassable. In fact the tobacco haulers say "the nearer you get to Farmville the worse the road." I have reference to the road by Buffalo bridge. For I am informed that the macadam is all right. To go back to the broader subject of roads in general, it is my opinion that the only practicable plan to keep the roads in order is to go back to the old law requiring every male citizen to work so many days in each year on the roads of course allowing such as desire to do so to pay money instead of labor.

People don't want to be taxed for roads, because they cannot be made to believe that the roads get the benefit of the tax money, while very few object to working on the roads because they see just where their taxes go, in fact put it their in person, just where it will do the most good. Another thing is our road "workers" don't use cross-lays enough in muddy places. It's an old fashion way, but a mighty good one, almost equal to rock.

It is useless to talk to the Buckingham folks about issuing bonds to improve the highways. We are shy of county bonds.

The old ways are the best ways, lets get back to them, pine poles are cheap and plentiful and with the labor of our own folks they can be put where needed, and if our Constitutional Convention will just provide for two days' work per annum by each male citizen between sixteen and sixty, we think the rest will be easy.

Talk about good roads conventions! The fellows who wear kid gloves and stove-pipe hats and tell us how to build roads, never hauled a load of tobacco through the mud. They don't know nothing bout it!

Olesko's Offering.

OLESKO, CUMBERLAND CO., March 11, 1902.

The condition of the roads about here hasn't improved much since my last letter.

While on her way to Mrs. Tom Adams a few days ago Mrs. Frank Anderson came near having a serious accident befall her. Her horse got mired, but she finally succeeded in extricating both herself and horse and escaped without serious injury.

Mr. P. M. Jones, of Sheppards, and Mr. W. B. Morris, of the Buckingham Springs, spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. C. O. Forbes.

Mrs. Anderson Watt Lee will leave Saturday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Willie Hardy, of Norfolk.

The usual services will be held at Cumberland church next Sunday.

The pupils of Armstrong school are intending to have a sugar stew when their school closes.

Felden Facts.

FELDEN, VA., March 12, 1902.

Mr. R. F. Allen celebrated his 77th birthday Saturday, the 8th. His children, grandchildren and a large concourse of relatives were with him. There were readings, recitations, good music, etc., by way of entertainment. As the sweet strains of "Dixie" reached his ear, the tears coursed down his cheeks, and who can know the pictures that passed through his mind's eye. Again he was on the battle field, the bugle had sounded, the command "Forward! Charge!" had been given, the band played and he rushed to the front to "live or die for Dixie."

But oh, the dinner! Ask the children about it. Their refrain was:

"Bumma says I am to sit at the table
And eat all I am possible able."

(To hold.)

Crewe Cullings.

CREWE, VA., March 12, 1902.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, gave a "measuring party" Thursday night. The Y. M. C. A. hall, in which it was held, was crowded, and a goodly sum was realized. One of the most amusing features of the entertainment was the "Sniggle's family," by the widow Sniggles, who represented her eight daughters, as possessing every virtue and grace under the sun. The giggler and the hay fever patient came in for their share. Miss Estelle Chappell, as the widow, brought down the house.

Mr Sam Nicholson aided the ladies by giving a graphophone concert, which was greatly enjoyed.

The society extended a vote of thanks to the other men of the Norfolk & Western. They attended in a body from Chief Dispatcher Fountain down.

Mrs. J. I. Taylor, wife of the Methodist minister here, has returned from Norfolk where she has been under medical treatment for a fractured wrist, which accident was occasioned by a fall soon after her arrival in Crewe last November.

Cottage prayer-meetings are being held over town by Mr. B. N. Waterhouse, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., since the revival services, conducted by Rev. R. Garland, of the Baptist church closed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hines, accompanied by Miss Estelle Chappell, returned to Crewe Monday, after a visit of several days in the Felden neighborhood. Mrs. Hines went to attend the annual celebration of her father's birthday. Mr. R. Allen, her father, so well known in your town, has reached the age of 77. He is a veteran of two wars, having served two years in the Mexican war, and four in the civil war. The old hero is battle-scarred and worn, but bears up well, and takes an active interest in the affairs of his country.

Lawyer Lancaster visited Mayor Lee Saturday and Sunday.

Travis Talk.

TRAVIS, PR. ED. CO., VA., March 11th, 1902.

Mr. W. M. Gilliam, of Hampden-Sidney, paid a flying visit to the neighborhood Monday.

Mr. Sam Coleman, of Green Bay, and Mr. Winston Clark, of Mount Leigh, spent Monday night at Mr. John Foster's enroute for Farmville.

Mrs. John Gilliam has been somewhat indisposed for several days.

Mr. Basil Bruce was the guest of Mr. Frank Gilliam Sunday afternoon.

The public school near here closed last Friday.

The neighborhood will be lonely without Miss Holland, the popular principal, but we welcome her back to Travis next October.

Miss Cunningham remains a while longer with us, as a private teacher.

Sharon congregation was pleased to have with them Sunday Rev. R. W. Cridlin, of Barkeville; he preached an excellent sermon from 1 Kings, 19:4, subject, "The Christian Despondency."

Mr. W. B. Gates, of the Evergreen Stock Farm, sold his entire crop of fine tobacco at an average of $22.50 net per hundred. He does not, however, believe in depending entirely on tobacco as a business, but has gone into the cream business, and we hear is making a success of it.

Most of our farmers have finished selling tobacco, and as a rule are well satisfied with prices.

Messrs. T. H. and H. W. Bruce, averaged for one house of shipping tobacco $11.70, while another house brought 11.50 per hundred.

Lunenburg Letter.

LUNENBURG C. H., March 11, 1902.

Yesterday was County court for Lunenburg, and it was a noticeable fact that notwithstanding the beautiful day, on account of the very bad roads there were not as many people from a distance at court as usual, though there were right many persons in attendance and a number of mules and horses for sale.

Hon. L. A. Hardy, member of the Constitutional Convention from this county, attended court, as well as the Hon. T. A. Overly of the house of Delegates from Lunenburg.

Dr. J. R. Couch, who has been ill so long, was well enough to be out on court day.

Dr. Morton, of this place has four patients at the present time sick with pneumonia.

There was no business of importance done in court yesterday.

In Defense of Leigh District.

MEHERRIN, VA., March 11, 1902.

Editor Herald:—I have never read Dr. Frazer's statement with reference to the public schools, but I have seen with pain and regret quotations therefrom. It has always seemed fitting and right when we note errors and imperfections among our own "kith and clan" to *politically* and constantly seek to *remedy* the evils, and *not* proclaim them upon the housetop. With no purpose to discuss any issue, with any person, I feel constrained in justice to Leigh District to give a recital of facts.

In an official relation of more than 25 years to the public school system of Prince Edward, I have felt the constant regret that our school appliances were not better, our terms longer and our teachers' pay more remunerative. We have used the money furnished for their benefit, and the meager supply *was our* misfortune and *not* our fault. My school days, outside of college, were in the ante bellum "old field schools." Our schools in Leigh District have furnished advantages far better than the best we had then. I have made it a part of my life work to visit, and inspect the conduct of the Leigh District schools, and have noted with supreme satisfaction the faithful and conscientious work of the white and colored teachers. The white, especially the ladies, have been cultured and refined, and have labored assiduously to impel the truths of science and religion upon their pupils. Men, competent to judge, taught, and accustomed to college commencements, have decided that the closing exercises of some of our Leigh schools were the most instructive and entertaining they ever attended. The Leigh schools have uplifted the children, and the patrons wherever they have been located. The teachers, well equipped, and trained, many of them at the State Normal, have exhibited indomitable perseverance, and ceaseless determination *to do their best* for every pupil in their schools; and a majority of the pupils have responded intelligently to their efforts.

I can point to scores of boys and girls creditably and successfully engaged in the work of men and women, who except what they learned at their mother's knee, have to thank the public school teachers for their fitness to occupy positions, and worthily and efficiently discharge their obligations. I do not propose or desire to applaud or condemn the public school system, but I would be recreant to my duty as a trustee, a traitor to the noble corps of Leigh public school teachers, whose work I have enjoyed the honor to supervise, if I did not testify in their vindication against adverse criticism.

T. TAYLOR PETTUS,
Clerk Leigh School Board.

Country Telephone System.

Editor Herald:—Farmville can't afford to let that telephone system between town and country die out or even languish. I am confident that if Meherrin, Green Bay, Five Forks, Darlington Heights, Worsham, Charlotte Courthouse, Keysville, Cumberland, Amelia, Buckingham, &c., &c., could wake up in the morning, or before bed hour inquire into the status of the tobacco market of Farmville it would add one third to the sales of another season.

Your business men are generally quick to "catch on" to a good thing, and I have wondered that they have not long since put this scheme into working order. I doubt if there is another town of the size of Farmville in all the land without telephone connections with the principal points of the immediate neighborhood. It is hard to estimate the loss to your people arising from the want of this modern convenience.

Stir them on this subject, and never let them rest until this business factor has been put into practical operation.

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Hoist the Danger Signals.

Editor Herald:—I undertook to pass over the Sycamore bottom on last Friday, and really the nuisance has gotten to be a public pitfall. Horses are constantly putting their feet and legs between those misplaced logs, and there are going to be many cases of severe loss. The county will be made liable for just and full damage in all such cases, and there is no telling what amount of money it will be called on to pay. To avoid this, danger signals should be placed at each end of this roadway of destruction, and all persons warned to go another way. Going into battle is not much more dangerous than going over these treacherous few hundred yards.

It is not safe for man or beast to go this way, and it is reckless to attempt it. It makes one sick at heart to think of this reckless waste of people's money.

ON WHEELS.

Do Not Be Afraid

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