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THE LENTEN FAST.

We are now in the midst of the Lenten fast. It seems passing strange that just at this season, when nature is relaxing, the prelatial churches should practice their most solemn austerities.

This whole Lenten institution is contrary to the genius of the opening year—to all the sights and sounds of cheerful spring.

It is this a time to be gloomy and sad. When our Mother, Nature, laughs around, when even the deep Heavens look glad, and gladness breathes from the blossoming ground?

Now, more than any other season, seems most intolerable the command received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." 1 Tim. 4:1-3.

And, as is implied by the quotation just made, the Lenten requirement is contrary to the Kingdom of God, whose spirit is not austere, and whose stress is not upon "meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 14:17.

OPENING THE ISTHMI.

The inter-oceanic enterprise, in which M. de Lesseps, the great French engineer is engaged, will not be advanced in the estimation of sensible people by the ball given him and his wife at Panama. The lady was conspicuous for the exposure of her person, the dress fitting very closely, and cut down extremely low around the bust; the arms bare to above the point of the shoulder.

But we will not pursue the subject. It may be that a benignant Providence will spare our esteemed brother to the denomination for years to come. The intelligence of his happy recovery would be hailed with general joy.

oceans together. Merry tripping "on the light fantastic toe" throw air of the ridiculous upon the game that is afoot.

There is another omen of coming disaster. It is understood that both in the Cabinet and in Congress the project of connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific is now awakening the liveliest interest. In especial, the claims of the Tehuantepec route are more generally considered.

The opening of this passage would make the connection our own, quite independent of all European complications, and would give us a short and easy access to our ports on the Pacific. The cost indeed would be immense. The distance across, from Gulf to Gulf, is 130 miles; in utilizing the rivers and lakes the canal, however, would need to be made much longer than the distance in a straight line.

The harbors on either side would require to be deepened and to be protected by break-waters. Yet, notwithstanding, all the difficulties, and expenses involved in the undertaking, the Canal Committees of Congress and the members of the Administration are in favor of the project.

A recent telegram announces the danger; if not desperate, illness of Rev. Dr. J. B. Jeter, Senior Editor of the Richmond Herald, than whom no minister in the country is more widely known, or more justly honored and influential. He has won distinction as a preacher, as an author, as an editor, as a leader of men; and he has conciliated the confidence and affection of all who know him, by his child-like simplicity of character, his godly zeal and his spotless honor.

Dr. Jeter has been wont to exert, in our general denominational convocations, is illustrated by a little circumstance which occurred in a visit to the United States.

The occasion was the anniversary of the Virginia Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. There was a deep and solemn feeling pervading the assembly, in view of the fact that God's people were comparatively indifferent to the momentous trust confided in them by the Great Head of the Church.

When the collection was about to be taken "Rev. J. B. Jeter rose up in the midst of the congregation, and after a brief appeal, to which his tall, thin figure, grave manner, and slow deep utterance gave peculiar effect, entreated that before they presented their contributions, they would humbly confess before God in penitential confession of past remissions, and ask forgiveness of their sin, with grace to enable them in future to live more to his glory."

There was instant and universal sympathy with the suggestion, which, seemed to envelope and sadden every countenance, like the sudden cloud that darkens a brilliant day.

Dr. Jeter sacrificed the courage of his convictions, and over which he failed to shed a certain savor, derived from habitual communion with God.

supervise attained to, heretofore unprecedented popularity and range of circulation. To this paper, long edited by the late Dr. J. B. Jeter, sketches, under the heading of "Recollections of a Long Life," which contain valuable materials of history.

Dr. Whitsett has given a laborious and instructive sketch of the history of the Communion Question, so far as the Baptists of England are concerned in it.

DEBATES ON THE COMMUNION QUESTION.

A discourse delivered in the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., by W. M. Whitsett.

The larger part of this able discourse related to the history of Communion among the Baptists of England. Under this head the author considers, first, the First Strict Communion, 1671-1677; second, the First Strict Communion, 1677-1695; third, the Second Strict Communion, 1695-1771; fourth, the triumph of Loose Communion, 1771-1829.

In his exposition of the second of these periods, "Dr. Whitsett we think in error in his conclusion that the London Communion, 1677, displays the triumph of open Communion sentiments. The London churches did not, as he supposes, deny that baptism is a condition of admission into the visible church, but they denied that baptism is the act of admission, or as it is frequently called, the door of the church."

Dr. Whitsett has fallen into another error which is still more surprising. He has surely no desire to do injustice to Mr. Kiffin, the leading Baptist of his age, whom that bitter controversialist Peter Edwards described as "the Metropolitan of the Anabaptistical Fraternity."

Our observation satisfies us that long pastorates are best for the churches and for the ministry. We concede that it sometimes seems better for this connection to be brief, but this is only apparent, not real, where the pastor is adapted to the position which he holds, and where the support of his family is as well secured as it will be at any other place to which he may go.

It is a sufficient reply to the charge that the eminent Strict Communionist did attack John Bunyan, and the "Sober Discourse of the Right to Church Communion, wherein is proved by Scripture, the example of Primitive Times and the practice of all that have professed the Christian Religion, that no unbaptized Person may be regularly admitted to the Lord's Supper."

A distinguished pastor who has made many changes was told when a college student, by the president of the college, that his trouble as a minister would never arise from want of a place, but from the difficulty in deciding between places which would win him, and this has been true of his history.

ated John Bunyan." At the time when Kiffin's treatise appeared (London 1681) Bunyan was in the prime of his power and fame. He did not die until seven years afterwards. The history of this affair shows that Dr. Whitsett has over estimated the influence of Bunyan; he certainly has done scant justice to the candor and courage of William Kiffin, to whom living lives the honorable appellation of the FATHER OF THE PARTICULAR BAPTIST.

It is often the case when the pastor removes, that the church finds it difficult to find a suitable successor, and for long months the congregation is left to scatter, and the good work which was being done passes out of sight; the church becomes disheartened and many go away to return no more; and as a further result every interest of the denomination seriously suffers.

In relation to permanence in the pastoral relation ministers must make up their minds to stand by their position not only when everything is flourishing, but resolve to hold the fort when the odds are against them, and when the signs of prosperity seem to be disappearing.

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BEREAVEMENT.

Mrs. West, wife of the Rev. Anson West, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Talladega District of the M. E. Church, died at the home of her husband, in Talladega, January 29th, 1880, after a long and most painful illness.

Mrs. West was one of the most accomplished ladies as she was one of the ripest Christians with whom we ever had the pleasure of an acquaintance. She was such in health and in affliction, long and trying as were her sufferings, lasting through years, she was calm, cheerful, and submissive, with a strong faith, a bright hope, and a joyous experience to the end.

May the dark cloud which must have hung so lowly over his heart for many months, break into a pillar of light before the visions of his Christian hope, is our prayer.

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The permanent passage in any State naturally become identified with the general interests of their denomination, and constitute the "old standby" of these interests in all their trials; so that their permanent influence is felt not alone by the churches which have them for pastors, but also by more distant regions, and by the organized effort of their associations and State.

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CALLING FOR THE PROOF.

We notice that that sterling paper, the Mississippi Baptist Record, is calling for the proof texts to show that any New Testament church ever voted on any case before baptism; that is to say, if we understand its position, if any person applies for

administer the ordinance without the action of the church, because we have no direct mention in the Word of God of any voting on any case before baptism, whereas we have the mention of cases where there evidently was no church and therefore no vote taken. We see that there is apparent force in this position; and yet we assume that it is emphatically a "new landmark."

But as our contemporary is laying out his strength in the maintenance of this doctrine, we call for the proof in the New Testament to show that any church voted on any case after baptism. If silence in the divine Record may be used as an argument before baptism why is it not an argument after baptism? And so by that mode of reasoning we shall be forced to the conclusion that persons become members of New Testament churches solely on the authority of the preacher; or that they become members without regard to anybody's authority!

So long as our brethren shall call for the Scripture to prove that persons were admitted to baptism by the voice of the church, we shall insist on their producing the Scripture to prove that baptized persons were admitted to membership by the voice of the church. Let us have the proof, brother. But if the proof cannot be had in either case, then tell us how primitive Christians got into the membership of the visible churches of Christ.

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and then organized them into churches. We believe in this order, and ministers have always followed it in planting churches in remote regions, where no churches before; but how do we know that there was any such thing as church organization in New Testament times? The only answer is that we find the churches existing in the sacred scriptures, and now we are to learn at this late day that these churches, had no voice over the question as to what persons should have membership among them? If silence is to rule us we must so conclude, for we have no account of any church voting on the admission of persons to fellowship. Hence before the Record can consider its new landmark established it must drive its logic a little further, and settle some other matters.

The doctrine which we are controverting places the whole question of Christian character, as it relates to faith in Christ and conversion, under the judgment of the pastor, and the party baptized. The church which is expected to fellowship the party has no voice in the matter at all! Likely it will be said that the church can receive them or not as it may choose. But where does it get that authority? The Bible says nothing about it. And then imagine the state of things;—the church has a pastor; he goes through the neighborhood finding subjects and baptizing them; but this does not make them members of his church, for the Record denies that baptism is the door into the church, and now what? The church finally has to decide, and it receives some and rejects some! It seems to us that this converts the pastor into a priest, and the church into an anarchy, and lays the foundation for endless disputation between pastor and church about what is to be done with those who receive baptism at his hands. We hope the Record will tell us how the people are to get into the church, and who is to decide the question of their fitness.

In conclusion it affords us no little pleasure to bear testimony to the trustworthiness of the Baptist Record. We know no other paper with which we have more constantly agreed. But, while it controverts new landmarks, in relation to some of which we heartily endorse its views, we can not allow it to set up a new landmark of its own without urging some objection.

And we are of the opinion that to convince the Baptist churches of the United States, that they should cease to vote on the admission of persons would have on hand who should attempt to stop the flow of the Mississippi River. As Dr. Gwainey's school boy said, "The thing is impossible and can't be did."

FIELD NOTES.

The red X on the margin of your paper means that your subscription has expired. Please renew promptly.

A Baptist supper in Birmingham last week netted about \$50.00.

Rev. H. C. Taul has been called to the pastorate of the Wetumpka Baptist Church.

The Baptists of Greenville gave a supper recently, from which about \$45.00 were realized.

Rev. W. F. Kome of Huntsville has been called to Shelbyville, Ill. We are pleased to learn that he has declined the call.

Dr. J. R. Graves, editor of the Baptist, has been lecturing in Union Springs. The Herald speaks of his lectures in complimentary terms.

Dr. D. M. Reeves late of Albany, N. Y., is on a visit to friends and relatives in Eufaula, Alabama. He was to have preached in Montgomery last Sabbath.

Every Baptist should read Dean Stanley's article on Baptism. It has been published in pamphlet form. Send us ten cents in postage stamps and we will mail it to you, post-paid.

The Baptist church at Providence, Maricopa county, Ala., is undergoing thorough repairs. Rev. B. B. Williams will preach for us the first Sabbath in each week.

The Methodist of Alabama have determined to publish an organ to be known as the Alabama Christian Advocate. It is to be published at Opelika by Dr. A. S. Andrews as editor.

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The Adams Street Baptist church Montgomery has been holding a series of meetings during the past week. Bro. Howard proposes to continue for some time longer. The church is rapidly growing under his pastoral administration.

A subscriber asks for our opinion as to the meaning of the third, fifth and sixteenth verses of first Timothy. Our correspondent forgot to mention the chapter. Please let us know and we will respond so far as we may be able.

If any of our sister churches are as we were, let them do as we have. It is a good plan. We are relieved, and now we may with more assurance and stronger hope look for a more spiritual life and joy. —A. B. Weston, Eufaula, Feb. 16.

Your paper increases and freshens in interest every issue. The Baptists of Alabama ought to be profoundly grateful to you for giving them such an excellent paper. Dr. Winkler certainly excels himself in his splendid editorials. —J. J. Cloud.

The many friends of Dr. Jeter will be pleased to learn that Valentine, the sculptor, succeeded in taking an excellent plaster cast of the deceased, reproducing in life-likeness every lineament of his peaceful and noble face. —Richard Dispatch.

I and mine wish to return thanks to the good sisters of Rockford for their kind and generous contributions to the good cooking stove and other valuable articles. Also to Elder H. C. Taul of Wetumpka for a good clock. God bless all who have showed such kindness to us. —Cal. Smith, Rockford.

Rev. Dr. Woodfin, who has been chaplain of the University of Virginia for the past two years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Montgomery and will enter upon his charge March 1st. We shall welcome him cordially on his return to Alabama.

The Talladega Mountain Home announces Dr. Renfro's resignation of the pastorate of the Talladega Baptist Church, to take effect July 1st. Bro. Renfro's health is as good as it has been in twelve months, but it appears to be necessary that he shall stop preaching for an indefinite period.

What sort of a preacher is he who preaches monthly at a Baptist church, but never visits a poor afflicted sister, although she lives within fifty yards of the church door, six months? I know just such a minister, who claims to be a Baptist and to be clothed with the mantle of God. "We don't know what sort of preacher he is. Unless he can give most satisfactory reasons for his strange conduct he is unworthy of his high calling.

Last Sunday was an eventful one for our church. As you know, we have for several years been weighed down by a heavy mortgage debt of \$5000 on our beautiful edifice, and it has been a heavy tax upon us to pay support our pastors. One thousand \$500 bonds to run ten years, bearing 4 per cent. interest, payable every six months, were issued, and on Sunday last, after our regular morning services, aided by that incomparable brother Dr. Wharton, every bond was taken for cash, and several hundred dollars besides. Now, tell it to the brethren all over the State, that the mountain of debt we have so long carried on our shoulders we have put in our pockets, and we are now

North Alabama.

Leaving this place, ten miles south, a warrior and Pierce's Mines, two small towns, where there is no Baptist church, but a Methodist church and a "free" house. There are several churches around, and good churches just far off. Young Bro. Wood, I learn, is teaching there (a Warrior) and preaching to the people, and I hope he will succeed in building a Baptist church. Bro. Wood is pastor at Morris (Etowah church) which is five miles south of Warrior. Etowah is a very good church, and I am glad to hear she has paid Bro. Wood very well for his services. This is a sorry to say, not frequently the case in this section. The next point on the railroad where there is any church is Birmingham, eighteen miles from Morris. Here Bro. Hendon is the much loved and worthy bishop who so faithfully presides and watches over his flock. Birmingham is becoming a place of much note everywhere. And I see no reason why there should not be a large and good church there. At Oxnook, six or eight miles south of Birmingham, there are a few good brethren, who desire to do something; but like many others, are unable to do much. I sympathize with their prayers, and the richest of divine blessings to smile upon them. There is a small church at Helena, with Bro. Geo. T. Lee as pastor. Gov. Cobb is a member of this church. With such a lowly man for pastor, and the Governor to help rule Helena ought to look up and smile. From here churches on the railroad, are few and far between.

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LITERARY NOTICES.

BY E. T. W.

THE WATCHMAN ILLUSTRATED ALMANAC FOR 1880. Thos. L. Rogers Manager. Boston, Mass.

A creditable and handsome publication.

CHURCH'S MUSICAL VISITOR. John Church & Co., Cincinnati, O.

There is nothing there is light in the valley; Goodbye, dearest; American Reviver; Waiting in the starlit dell, &c. The miscellany, musical and literary, is good.

PREACHERS AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY. I. K. Funk & Co., N. Y. \$2.50 a year.

Three sermons are given in full: Preaching, by O. H. Tiffany, D.D.; The first Note of my Song, by Spurgeon; Without Fruit, by Beecher. Added to these are a number of Sermon Plans and papers in regard to ministerial work, and Scriptural interpretation.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE. James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

To gardeners whether they raise vegetables or flowers, Mr. Vick's handsome monthly, with its manifold illustrations and counsels, will prove of considerable value. A glowing picture of fuchsias adorns the Spring Number. We are indebted to this horticulturist for packages of seeds, which are worth having as our past experience assures us.

SCALFICISM; Divine Revelation and Call to the New Jerusalem. N. Y.

The design of this compilation is to commend the philosophic opinions and theological teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg. The claim of this strange religious enthusiast is that in 1745 his eyes were opened to see spirits, and that henceforth he lived with them as a spirit, while he was at the same time living in the body; that he was in Heaven and Hell while on the earth also. His works appear to be a strange compound of important truths and perilous errors. Yet doubtless was the elevation of Swedenborg was the elevation of his race, and for this purpose he travelled and wrote and gave with generous self-sacrifice.

THE STANDARD SERIES.—I. Funk & Co., 21 Barclay street New York, are making an experiment by publishing standard books at the price of cheap novels. The series contains only first-class books, unabridged and unaltered,—large type, good paper and card manila cover. No. 1, Spurgeon's "John Plowman's Talk" and Carlyle "On the Choice of Books," is now on our table. Price 12 cents. No. 2, "The Manliness of Jesus," by Thomas Hughes, author of "Tom Brown's School Days," &c., is now ready. Price 10 cents. No. 3, McClellan's "Milton," "Dryden," "Bunyan," "History" and two essays on "Johnson"—is in press. Price 15 cents. This is a rare opportunity to secure valuable books at a trifling cost.

CATALOGUE, Illustrated and Descriptive, of Seeds, Plants and Bulbs. Nanz & Nenner, Louisville, Ky.

We have received from this firm of florists and horticulturists, the above mentioned catalogue, which shows in its lists and numerous plates that they are well prepared to supply the cultivators of flower and vegetable gardens. These plants are better suited to our climate than such as are reared for sale in colder latitudes.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a fine collection of flowering plants, among them some of the finest carnations we ever saw, and anticipate much pleasure from their culture. The catalogue of Messrs. Nanz & Nenner can be obtained on application by any one who will enclose a three cent stamp to pay for postage.

THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.—Its special forte is the wealth of information it gives upon the lessons, which are explained and illustrated in a way that leaves nothing to be desired. Besides this first and most important matter, there are other helps in the management of a Sunday school under the head of "Sunday School Methods" that superintendents can hardly do without. All of its departments, in fact, seem indispensable. Send for the March number, and give it a trial. The "Schooler's Weekly" and "The Little Folks"—those admirable accompaniments of "The Teacher"—are also at hand. All three of the publications contain the Temperance Lesson for the quarter. Chicago: Adams, Blackmer & Lyon Publishing Co., 147 and 149 Fifth Avenue.

WHEAT FROM THE FIELDS OF BOAZ. By Rev. Arthur G. Thomas. Philadelphia: Am. Bap. Pub. Society, 1470 Chestnut St. Price \$1.

We are glad to welcome a Sunday school book which is not a mere novel in disguise. The author has undertaken to familiarize his readers with the every-day and the farm life of Palestine, so that they may be at home among the scenes and customs, and the ways and manners, which are connected with our most sacred associations and a knowledge of which is so helpful to the understanding of so many passages of Scripture. The author has not only studied his subject in books but has enjoyed the advantage of personal observation of the scenes he describes. The book is full of valuable information, is popular in style, is abundantly illustrated and is admirably indexed. It is worthy of a place in the family and the Sunday library.

The Christian Union wishes those who grudge so scanty a support to truly valuable religious and literary papers, could see for themselves the vastness of the circulation of the trash with which our country is flooded.

"There is nothing," says Sir Samuel Romilly, "by which I have through life more profited than by the just observation, the good opinion, and the sincere and gentle encouragement of amiable and sensible women."

Elder D. W. Andrews.

Whereas we the Baptist church at Oak Grove, Alabama county, Ala., organized Dec. 28th 1879, have dismissed our pastor and venerable brother Elder D. W. Andrews, our beloved brother...

Infidel Agreeing with Paul.

An admirable reply was once made by a careful reader of the Bible to an infidel who attacked him with such expressions as these: "To suppose that the blood of Christ can wash away sin is foolishness. I don't understand it or believe it."

Bring Out The Bops.

The Swiss guides are heroic men. Tremendous exploits of strength and courage are the scenes which in olden days were mounting chieftains are dependent upon their skill and experience, but no matter what their knowledge of Alpine safe-guards or perils may be they can not secure even the hope of safety to those who ask their help, except on one condition, and that is their willingness to be bound together in different passes.

He Could Not Reach The Brake.

There is an old story of a California stage-driver who dreamed of a journey down the mountain side under perilous conditions. In his dream, he started from the top of the mountain, with a crack of his whip and a shout to his horses, and the stage rolled grandly along the gently declining road.

Are They Bad?

Whenever a minister makes a serious mis-step there are plenty of people to raise a howl at him and at all his profession, and to call all the clergy knaves and hypocrites. It were useless to deny that bad men will sometimes creep into the ministry, as into other professions. No human wisdom is searching enough to keep them out.

Religious News.

The Methodist of Texas report a membership of 80,000. There are about 126,000 Methodists in the New England States. The Penton (Baptist) Seminary, Michigan has been sold to the State for \$5,000.

General News.

Three out of four houses in Philadelphia, it is said, are mortgaged. The number of students in the Missouri State University is 472. Mrs. Nancy Snell, aged 101 years, died near Fayette Mo., on January 26.

Alabama News.

Train loads of guano pass Union Springs every week for Troy. To date Cusseta, Chambers county, has received 200 tons of guano. Blount county's indebtedness is to be funded in 6 per cent bonds.

Alabama News.

The income of Wm. H. Vanderbilt last year was \$30,000,000; of Jay Gould, \$15,000,000; of Sidney Dillon, \$10,000,000; Russell Sage, \$10,000,000; James Keener, \$8,000,000. The number of Indians in the United States is estimated at 250,842. The number who wear citizens dress is 127,450. The number of houses occupied is 23,060.

Alabama News.

The Temps, Paris, publishes a letter from St. Petersburg, which says: "News from the interior of the Empire is heartrending. Famine and diphtheria are decimating the population. The provinces of Saratof and Kiev, which annually export, in ordinary times enormous quantities of grain, had scarcely any crop last year. The calamity is aggravated by the want of fodder for cattle, the peasants being forced to sell them. In the Caucasus the famine is still greater, where the people are committing suicide and selling their children."

Alabama News.

A few days later the surgeons, who have watched the case with much interest, probed the wound, and to their astonishment, a whole lead pencil, which had been sharpened but once, was extracted. It had been in his vest pocket and had been driven into his body by the fall. The man is very weak, but it is thought he will recover.

Alabama News.

The Rev. Burr Baldwin, believed to be the oldest surviving graduate of Yale College, died recently in Montrose, Penn., aged 90. He graduated from Yale in 1800, and spent his life in the ministry of the Presbyterian church. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions have received during the first four months of the present financial year, terminating January 1st, donations amounting to \$92,650.39, and legacies, \$23,613.68, making a total of \$116,264.07, which is an advance of nearly \$20,000 on the average receipts for the corresponding period during the past three years.

Alabama News.

At least 511 persons perished by shipwreck in the Atlantic Ocean during 1879. Twenty thousand immigrants settled in the Arkansas Valley, between Little Rock and Fort Smith, last year. The Imperial Cotton Mills, at Darby, Pa., owned by Jno. Verlinger & Co., were destroyed by fire; loss, \$500,000.

Alabama News.

Within the past five years the acreage of cereals in the United States has increased from 74,000,000, to 95,000,000. Five hundred cabinet makers in the employ of H. Herman, New York, struck last Thursday for an advance in wages. Gilman & Co's grain elevator and an adjoining crib were destroyed by fire Feb. 19, with 120,000 bushels of corn, at Atlantic, Iowa. OTTAWA, Feb. 20. The grant of \$100,000 by the Dominion Government for the Irish Relief Fund passed the House unanimously to-day.

Alabama News.

The Juniors of the Mauldon Advertiser has raised \$20 for the suffering poor of Ireland. The Hessian fly has made its appearance in Jackson county and is devouring the wheat. In Doran's Cave, Jackson county, a coal mine has been discovered, the vein of which is 11 feet thick. The county convicts of Blount county are hired to the Pratt Coal & Iron Company for the year 1880. The treasurer of Marengo county, has funds on hand to pay all registered claims against the county. Talladega Homes:—Many of our farmers will have to spice the contents of their cribs with Western corn again. Evergreen News:—Mr. J. D. Heller, raised on his place, near Kempville, last year, a pumpkin that weighed 94 lbs. Greenville Advocate:—A large quantity of guano are being shipped this point this season than for a long time past. The Wetumpka Times reports large sales of guano and fertilizers to the farmers of Elmore, Coosa and Talladega counties. Greensboro Watchman:—There is scarcely an acre of land in the canebrake along the Ala. Cen. railroad, that is not in full preparation for planting. Opelika Leader:—On last Saturday night Mr. S. V. Rudd, living near Liberty church, in this county, had the misfortune to lose his house and its contents by fire. E. M. Vary, Esq., a young lawyer of Marion, has been appointed Probate Judge of Perry county to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Porter King. Talladega Homes:—Up to yesterday 987 bales of cotton had been received in Talladega against \$633,255 in favor of the season.

Alabama News.

The tax collector of Chambers county, informs the Lafayette Clipper that nearly every one has paid his taxes for 1879. He does not think there will be any property sold for taxes. It is said that Judge Wyeth will be a candidate for Circuit Judge in the seventh judicial circuit. Judge Harlow, of DeKalb, Judge Turnley and Judge Standifer of Etowah, are also candidates. Mr. E. T. King, of Monroe county, made last year 18 bushels of cotton, 330 bushels of corn, 150 bushels of oats, 2,000 pounds of fodder, 300 pounds of sugar and three barrels of molasses with two horses. Hon. Warner Baily died at the residence of Capt. C. C. McCall on the 15th inst., in Choctaw county. Judge Baily was the Greenback candidate against Col. Herndon in 1878. He was 69 years of age. Montgomery Advertiser:—Several farmers from the lower portion of Pike county passed through the city yesterday, en route for Mississippi. They had household and kitchen furniture with them, and were moving in the old-fashioned covered wagons. Demopolis News:—Corn planting has been begun in the Canabrala, and some planters have already put in considerable areas of that grain. It is a rule with some of the best and most successful planters of this section to begin corn planting on Valentine's day. Evergreen News:—Only 75 hands, mostly negroes, are now said to be at work on the Pensacola & Selma Railroad. Nearly all the white laborers brought from the North have left, claiming that they could not make anything with the high price they had to pay for provisions. Hayneville Examiner:—Efforts have been made in Hayneville to cultivate the Eucalyptus tree from seed sent from the agricultural gardens at Washington, but without success. The object sought was to gain advantage of the well known malarial and malarial powers of that tree. Monroe Journal:—The county indebtedness to date, amounts to \$7,867. There is at present in the hands of the Treasurer, or will be as soon as the tax collector shall make a final settlement with the county for the tax year 1879, \$4,484, leaving a balance of indebtedness amounting to \$3,383. The Troy Messenger says the contract for the building of the new court house for Pike county has been awarded to Mr. Joseph Minchener, who is to do the work according to the plan and specifications for \$15,000. The new building will be erected upon the site of the old one, which will be removed after the session of the spring court in April. Prattville Signal:—As a son of Mr. D. W. Hicks was returning home from Autaugaville on last Saturday evening with a half pound of powder in his coat pocket, which also contained matches, the matches, from some cause, ignited, causing the powder to explode, and he was blown several feet from his horse and seriously injured. His clothing caught fire, and but for the assistance of two parties with him, he probably would have been burned to death. An Assassination recently took place in Marshall county, by which William Pinkston was shot and killed by one Roden. It seems that Roden had previously had a difficulty with a Mr. Crabtree. On the night of the shooting Pinkston was sitting by the fire in a neighborly house, when Roden came up, poked his stick through the crack and fired, killing Pinkston. Instantly it is supposed that Roden mistook Pinkston for Crabtree. The murderer was drinking at the time.—Scottsboro Citizen. Wetumpka Times:—Every negro in the county who may be so fortunate as to have a blind steer and a frizly chicken, can rent land and buy good farming stock on a credit. Should the crop fall short next fall, or the price run lower than ten cents, many a capitalist who is now advancing so recklessly will be badly hurt, as there is such an eagerness to procure customers that oftentimes a proper regard is not paid to their present solvency or probable prospects. Labor is so scarce that some of our planters are already selling out their mules, and will either rent their lands or let them lie idle. The Talladega Reporter says the mineral lands of St. Clair are coming into prominent notice. Iron ores are being mined and shipped all along the line of the Alabama Great Southern railroad. Coal and iron lands are eagerly sought after and are being bought up. Mr. DeBardelaban, who has been investing so liberally in the coal and iron business about Birmingham, we learn, has recently invested some \$2,000 in the coal fields of St. Clair. The people are still looking with intense interest to the opening of the Coosa. They begin to discover, however, that the work is one of greater magnitude than they anticipated, and will require time. Ferryville and other points along the river, are setting their houses in order for the reception of the steamers. There is more good land in Coosa valley than the outside world generally knows. The opening of the river will make it a very garden. MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's mother, by E. T. Walton, Esq., on Sunday, Jan. 25th, 1880, Mr. Robert G. Kilgore to Miss Jennie E. Vaughan. At the residence of the bride's father, on Jan. 24th, 1880, by Rev. J. J. Cloud, Mr. James Boyd, to Mrs. Sallie Griffin. At the residence of the bride's mother, Jan. 11th, 1880, by Rev. J. J. Cloud, Mr. John Seamon, to Miss Marion Zimmerman. At the residence of the bride's mother, near Buena Vista, Monroe county, Ala., Feb. 19th, 1880, by Esq. Farrah, Mr. J. A. McKenzie and Miss Rachel Curry.

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"Well, wife, did you get the fish, I thought?" "Yes, my dear."

"I should like to know how you have cooked it, I will bet you any thing you have spoiled it for my eating."

"My dear, the last time we had fresh fish you know I boiled it, and you said you liked it best fried."

"Favorite dish, indeed! I dare say it is an agreeable, wishy-washy mess. I would rather have a boiled frog than the whole of it."

"This was a common expression of his, and had been anticipated by his wife, who as soon as the preference was expressed..."

Zachariah sprung from his chair not a little astonished at the unexpected apparition.

"My dear," said his wife, in a kind, entreating tone, "I hope you will be able to make a dinner."

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to-day, but the other things have been here for some months... "Now, how long will this room look as it does today?"

"Indeed he will," said Mrs. Rivers, "I would like to have you see his bureau; then opening the drawers..."

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Dairy Maxims. A correspondent of the Country Gentleman lays down the following primary rules which should never be lost sight of by farmers who expect to profit from their cows.

The butter-producer should keep cows specially adapted to butter-making. He should feed generously, have his cows come in early, and milk until as near calving as possible.

Grass. Men who have large farms are too often tempted to grow more acres in plowed crops than can be got in in season, well cultivated while growing, or if the soil is thin more land is plowed and planted than can be properly manured to insure a full return for labor expended.

Humor. A hypocrite is a man who tries to be pious and can't, with a preponderance of cant.

The Value of Ashes. After using ashes on my farm for many years, both leached and unleached, I consider them a valuable fertilizer for grass or grain.

The Crime of Crimes. Could all the forms of evil produced in the land by intemperance come upon us in one horrid array, it would appeal the nation.

The Villager's Fig. How to Keep It. A large number of our village subscribers keep a cow, and one or more pigs, just to help the waste from the table, and to help in the support of the family.

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