

# Rural Retreat Times.

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**TO**  
**Eradicate the Radical Officiate**  
idea from the minds of my friends and the patrons of the office generally, it becomes necessary that I explain the situation and present in its true light the facts. It has been reported and circulated since I became an applicant for the appointment as Post Master at this place that in the event that I became P. M. there will be no change in the service—that, Capt. Davis will continue to officiate in the capacity of assistant. This idea has become prevalent perhaps because of my relationship and brought into prominence no doubt by those seeking my defeat, who on every available opportunity make capital out of supposition. Such reports without foundation. Neither I, nor Capt. Davis know anything of any such arrangement. Capt. Davis has already begun farming at Atkins and as soon as relieved will devote his time to private interests.

I appeal to my friends, both Democrats and Republicans for their support, and will ask as many as can do so within the next few days to call at my office (Candler Hotel) and lead their assistance by signing my petition. Should I become Post Master it will be due to and through the support and efforts of the people and you can feel assured that the service will be well worthy of your appreciation. I respectfully solicit your support and your support will demand my untiring efforts to discharge the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of its patrons and with credit to the Department.  
I am, yours most obediently,  
Chas. Spence.

**A CARD FROM THE REV.**  
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Sir to the times sir, i paid 10 cints at first 2 i Paid 40 Cmts and i toalde him that i did Not Want but No more and Nowe i Shante Pay a Nuther cint. this call for 90 cint. i Paid 40 en and 10 cints No More shall i Pay Bi-Cause i dont take no Dimicrat paper  
G H Wells

## Bilious Colic Prevented

Persons who are subject to attacks of bilious colic can almost invariably tell, by their feelings, when to expect an attack. If Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is taken as soon as these symptoms appear, they can ward off the disease. Such persons should always keep the Remedy at hand, ready for immediate use when needed. Two or three doses of it at the right time will save them much suffering. For sale by C. T. Pepper, Druggist.

Nausemond Sweet Potato slips the Best in the country furnished in any quantity 25cts per 100 at Our beds or put in Depot here.  
SPENCE & NEFF.

## Huddle School House.

April, 10, 1893.—Mr. Editor;—Oh, how the weary farmers smile to see this beautiful spring weather, they are making preparations for corn planting.

Riley Davis, who lived near Slater's mill, moved to Wytheville last week. He intends working on the Rail road.

A. J. Phillippi, W. H. Copenhaver and J. R. Dixon, are attending court this week.

Profs. Snyder and Sharitz spent last week in the lower end of this county (Wythe) looking up a singing school, they have returned with a favorable report.

Miss Josie Wilson of Ceres Va. is visiting relations near this place.

B. J. Huddle spent a few days of the past week in Washington Co. with W. W. Hackler.

Dr. H. was making his usual visits in the neighborhood of Noble Sunday, girls don't fail to set your caps; for the Dr. is going to present a nice album to the one that proves true.

It has been reported that one of Germany's charming young men, had a complete tussle with his over shoes and leggins recently. He surely had fair sex on the brain.

All Of Us.

## Spring Valley.

April, 11, 1893.—We have no hesitancy in saying that spring is here. We could give various proofs, besides the presence of swallows and the song of the whipporwill but you are aware of the fact that I am not a poet, although there are several people who don't know it. Spring contains traces of nearly all the seasons: it has traces of winter and traces of summer. Boys should be very careful in spring for before they know it, they will fall in love. It is a dreadful thing to fall in love in the spring because fifty cases out of every hundred prove fatal matches. I fell in love one beautiful spring morning and the next day I fell in a mud hole. 'Tis true that case didn't prove to be fatal. Well I am somewhat disposed to talk about love and for fear I should tell you who is my best girl, I will tell you what I've been driving at ever since I began my letter. As I said at first spring is here, but what does that matter if spring is here, or what has that got to do with what I am going to tell you. And spring is here! well now, isn't it remarkable, so it is remarkable that one of Washington County's progressive men is visiting Lis six brothers who live at Spring Valley, Nat Holler, etc. Who is the man that has six brothers in good Old Wythe. Well the answer is as plain as English can make it, it is the genial and ever-welcomed friend to the people of Spring Valley and adjoining country, Mr. Pierson Neff.

John Shaw.

FOR THE "TIMES."

## Frog Valley, Va.

April 10, 1893.—Mr. Editor,  
The frogs are making such a noise that I can hardly write.

A. L. Snavelly, and sweet heart were in the Valley, Saturday, and Sunday, among their friends.

R. C. Neff, passed through the Valley, Sunday evening on his way to see his best girl and if all reports are true he had a fine time.

It seems that us boys that can not afford buggies and carts, will get left every now and then.

Master Johnny Neff, is spending a few days with his little friends in the Valley.

An old black smith shop of S. S. Etter's fell down the other day and ruined all of his tools.

Mr. Martin of Grayson will spend a short time in the Valley.

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## Crocketts Depot.

Crockett Depot, Va. April, 11, '93: Quite a large crowd of townsmen and citizens attended court at Wytheville Monday.

A quarterly meeting was held at Mt. Ephraim on last Sat. and Sun. The meeting is still in progress. Many believe that much good will be done before the close.

Misses Callie Givens and Maggie Etter were visiting Miss Bettie Copenhaver last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Burkett, from Sugar Dale, is on a visit to Miss Emma Wampler's, where she expects to remain for several days. All are glad to have her in our midst, especially the boys.

Miss Callie Givens' school closed on last Friday at Wampler's school house, where she has taught successfully for six months. She will return to her home in Carroll Co. in a few days. We are all sad to see her leave. She has made many friends during her stay amongst us.

The Sunday school will be reorganized at Kings Grove on next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. All interested in Sunday school work will please be present and take a part.

A communion service will be held at Rosenbaum's Chapel on next Sunday. Preaching on Sat.

Miss Minnie Etter and brother were in the village the first of the week.

D. F. Copenhaver, of Germany, passed through here last week on a flying trip to Muskrat, Va.

E. G. V., while setting his best girl in the neighborhood of Noble, It was along about the third watch of the night when he was aroused by a terrible squalling in the poultry yard. He was immediately presented with a Winchester. He pursued the thief and fired but this did not induce him to drop his prey but made good his escape.

Robt. and Chas. Neff passed through here the first of the week

enroute to Wytheville strictly on business. Fred.

## The Divide.

April, 12, 1893.—Mrs. Franklin Steffey returned Wednesday from a visit to her son, Rev. S. D. Steffey, of Leplo, Va.

Albert Lowry reports that he killed a black snake in the lower end of Spring Valley a yard and a half long and five inches around.

Tom Slagle has moved to his farm. I am glad to say that Sunday school will be reorganized next Sunday (16.) at Steffey's Chapel.

Chas. Richardson has built an "L" to his house.

George Freeman and family paid us a visit last Sunday.

J. W. Spence has bought a fine lot of stock from Franklin Steffey.

The good farmers of our section are done planting oats and are preparing to plant corn.

Rev. E. H. McDonald, of Wytheville, preached Saturday at the Buchanan school house and on Sunday and Sunday night at the Glade school house in Spring Valley.

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## Cedar Bluff.

April 10, 1893.—Mr. Editor: we haven't seen

paper from this place, we think it an injustice to ourselves and community. This little village is noted for its beautiful scenery, also its beautiful smiling girls and boys. It is surrounded on every hand by huge mountain ranges which affords good cattle ranches and vast turnip patches. Taking everything in consideration it is one of the most magnificent little villages in South West Va.

Sunday school was reorganized at Cedar Bluff Baptist church Sunday morning with E. E. Eller Supt., W. C. Wheeler, Ass't and A. T. Atkins, Sec. Quite a large crowd turned out and a good lot were enrolled. We expect to have one of the largest and best schools we have ever had at this place, as all took a great interest.

The Universe is again resuming its annual habiliment of green, which is reanimating the farmer until his voice is wafted on the gentle breeze and numbered with the merry singing birds and jolly croaking frogs.

Farmers are through sowing oats and are getting ready to plant corn.

Thomas McDonald and wife were visiting at S. G. Atkins' Sunday.

Capt. G. F. Atkins, one of our enterprising business men left Thursday for Cincinnati, O.

Robt. Overbey spent Sunday in Sugar Dale.

The work on the new M. E. Church is still going on and is rapidly nearing completion.

Rev. W. P. Brotton will preach at Cedar Bluff Church Saturday night and Sunday.

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