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NEABSCO SLATE QUARRY – The subscriber, residing in Prince William County, Va. tenders his sincere thanks to the public in general for the patronage they have afforded him in his line of business. He wishes to inform the inhabitants of the District of Columbia, and the surrounding country, that he has been at considerable expense in procuring a quantity of good slate as can be had in America, which he is willing to furnish and put on, at from 7 to 9 dollars per square, agreeably to the quality. Those wishing to afford him patronage I this laudable undertaking will signify it by applying to John R. Mills and John Huddleston, Agents in Alexandria, or to Mathew Waite, Washington City.

William Waite
March 26, 1833

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Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette

The institute of the teachers of the public schools met in Ruffner School building on Thursday morning with quite a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. There was a pretty general attendance of teachers present. The visiting strangers present were Dr. Ruffner, state Superintendent of Public Schools; George F. McLellan, late president of the school board of Washington D.C.; D. McChichester, county superintendent of schools of Fairfax County; Capt. Baker, county superintendent of schools of King George County; Capt. R. L. Cooper, county superintendent of schools of Stafford, and Mr. H. A. White, principal of the Warrenton schools. There were also present a majority of the school trustees of Prince William County, and of course Major W. W. Thornton, through whose energy and efficiency the teacher's institute has thus made a success. Dr. Ruffner delivered a lecture in the M. E. Church on Thursday night on popular education, to one of the largest audiences ever assembled in this place.

The steam saw and grist mill of Mr. Cyrus Thomas, situated in the lower part of the county, was accidentally destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. Fire was discovered in the roof in the morning and it was supposed extinguished, but on the return of the hands from dinner the roof of the shedding was in flames which soon spread, destroying the entire building, and rendering the engine and other machinery almost a total loss. There was no insurance.

The dwelling house occupied by Mr. Alonzo D. Finch at Varn's steam mill, had the roof crushed in on Monday last, by the felling of a tree by Mr. Keys who owns the adjoining land. Mrs. Finch seeing the impending danger left the house with her children in time to escape harm.

The slate quarries on the Neabsco Farm, it is reported are about to be put in operation by a Baltimore Company.