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WILHELM AND REDELL COUNTY.

Pier Weds Jesse T. Davis—Colored Youth Loses a Hand.

Weds Jesse T. Davis—Colored Youth Loses a Hand. The wedding of Jesse T. Davis and Lula Gaither and Jesse T. Davis were married last night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Green, on Sharpe St. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Jenkins. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Gaither, of Litchfield, Ill., who formerly lived in this county. Miss Gaither came to Statesville last June with her sister, Mrs. Chas. P. Moore, and has been boarding at Mrs. M. A. Gaither's. The groom is foreman of the finishing room at the Atha chair factory.

W. H. Allmon, of Salisbury, who has been teaching a class in dancing and physical culture in the opera house, has located in Statesville for the present and he and Mrs. Allmon are occupying rooms at R. P. Mitchell's, on Walnut street. Mr. Allmon will begin a new class in dancing and physical culture to-day and tomorrow.

An accident that resulted in some damage to property and that came dangerously near resulting in loss of life, was the occasion of some excitement at J. C. Steel & Sons' foundry Wednesday morning. A new boiler house is being built at the foundry and a new boiler has been placed. In preparing to remove the old smokestack, which is about 80 feet high, J. Allison White had loosened one of the guy-ropes of the new smokestack. This while high wind prevailed and the stack was blown down, striking and tearing down one corner of the new boiler room and coming dangerously near striking a negro who was engaged in work on the building. The stack was replaced yesterday.

Julie Stevenson, a colored youth who lives near Salem church, Chambersburg township, was out hunting Wednesday when his gun was accidentally discharged and the load tore his right hand and pieces. Dr. Cloninger, of Elmwood, brought the victim to Billingsley hospital, at Statesville, Wednesday evening, and amputated the hand, taking off a part of the arm between the wrist and elbow.

A small fire that originated from a spark, burned a hole in the roof of the kitchen at Hon. W. D. Turner's residence, on the edge of town on the Wilkesboro road, yesterday morning. The fire was quickly put out and the damage was slight.

Columbus Barnes and Miss Augustavia Rary were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's father in north Statesville, Rev. J. H. Preely performing the ceremony.

Mrs. D. Oestreich and son, Master Irving, of Salisbury, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoffman, on West End Ave., Wednesday.

Statesville, Dec. 2.—A two-year-old child of Lam. Gaither, colored, was burned to death Wednesday afternoon at the home of its parents on Green street. They had locked the child that was burned and another child about four years of age, in a room where there was a fire and had left them.

Biltmore's Crab Talks.

We have had a fine rain. Wheat and oats are looking fairly well.

John Miller is suffering considerably with a boil on his knee.

J. D. Trexler lost a fine Jersey hog the other day.

Henry Trexler has started his house.

Byron Beck has his house about finished, and will move as soon as he can. We give him a hearty welcome.

J. A. Miller has the job to put up A. R. Beck's house near this place.

Well, Bro. Lee, how is your little chicken rooster getting along these cold days? All right, I suppose, but if he can't "crow" for you, let me know and I will tell you what's the trouble. CRAB.

Fred Pierre was seriously hurt last week by a rock falling on him at the Rothrock Roller Mills.

LXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Mrs. Polly Brittainham found Dead.—W. H. Everhardt, age 67, Dead.

Lexington Dispatch, Nov. 29. Monday afternoon at about 4 o'clock Mrs. Polly Brittainham was found dead in her home in the northern part of town. She was a very old lady, somewhere near 94, and had for many years lived alone. She had once suffered a stroke of paralysis and it is supposed that Monday she was again paralyzed and that this was the cause of her death. Mrs. Bessie Leonard, a neighbor, was the first to discover the fact that Mrs. Brittainham was dead, and at once gave the other neighbors notice. Mrs. Brittainham was found lying face downward on the floor, nude with the exception of shoes and stockings. On the body were several bruises and it was thought at once that she had been killed. Dr. Buchanan was called in and after examination gave it as his opinion that no inquest was necessary, that Mrs. Brittainham had died from natural causes. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the cemetery, Rev. H. H. Huggins, of the Methodist church holding the services.

W. H. Everhardt died at his home near Lexington last Wednesday, aged 67 years. The burial took place at Ebenezer on Thursday. Deceased was an excellent citizen, a good Christian and was highly respected by all who knew him.

I. L. Lanier, who was so badly injured in a mine at Candor some time ago, was in Lexington Saturday en route to his old home at Cid, where he is visiting relatives. The accident which befell Mr. Lanier was a serious one; he had started to go down in the mine and when about 100 feet below the surface something went wrong with the hoister, and the cage in which Mr. Lanier was going down dropped a distance of 90 feet. Mr. Lanier's knee cap was fractured in three places, the leaders of the leg were torn apart and his hip bone was broken. This was five weeks ago and Mr. Lanier is just now getting so he can get around with the aid of crutches.

A four-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Stafford, of Bringles, dropped dead one day last week. The little one was playing on a porch when it was seen to fall over and when its grand-mother rushed forward and picked it up it was dead. Mrs. Stafford was at preaching at Lick Creek when her baby died and Mr. Stafford had gone to Salisbury on a business trip.

We understand that the federal authorities have refused to accept the whiskey seized here some days ago from George Bailey, whose arrest was mentioned in The Dispatch; and that the horse and buggy taken and now held in bond by J. L. Michael, will be released. Nothing has been heard of Bailey since his release from jail by the town authorities.

Two negro tramps giving their names as Allen White and Tom Simmons, who have been employed at one of the furniture factories for the past two weeks, are in jail charged with the larceny of \$17.50 from Alice Adams, colored with whom they were boarding. They were arrested Sunday, giving a hearing Monday before Justice Jno. H. Moyer and bound over to court in \$100 and \$150 bonds, which they could not give.

The Southern Railway will start an early date erect a spur track 240 feet long running from the main line to a point in front of the town's power plant. The cost of this track will be something over \$6000, of which amount the town will pay about one-half. The track will be of great convenience and will pay for itself, by reducing the expense of unloading coal, in a short time.

About 5 o'clock Friday morning Dec. 1st., fire completely destroyed the plant and contents of the Central Manufacturing Company, of this place. The loss is estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000, with insurance only \$10,000. It is not known exactly how the fire originated, but it came from the direction of the engine room, and when discovered, had made such headway that it was a matter of impossibility for the building or contents to be saved. The company whose plant and stock as

MEETING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

To Continue Work on Stokes Ferry Road. Grant Creek to Be Cleaned Out.

The Board of County Commissioners met in the court house Monday. The entire board was present and the following business was transacted:

A number of distillers made application for licenses. Herbert Bailey, of Franklin, asked for exemption from poll tax and road duty.

J. J. Kincaid reported on Neely mill road. Action postponed.

H. C. Lentz reports having collected \$282.60 for work done in China Grove by road force, and \$812.28 still due.

Ordered to publish yearly report in THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

Work on Gheen's bridge was postponed temporarily.

Mrs. Patterson, Superintendent of the County Home, reports 11 inmates, 8 white and 3 colored. Dismissed 4 colored and white during month. All in good health. Ordered that Chas. Moore be transferred to chain gang as helper, but not as a convict, or else shift for himself. Mrs. Patterson was allowed to hire a cook. Ordered that Mrs. Julia Brown be allowed \$2.00 per month and leave the home.

Dr. S. J. Brown, superintendent of public health, reports all county wards to be in good health, and that the inmates of the county asylum be kept until room can be made for them at Morganton. He asked that a sanitary committee for the county be appointed and that all stagnant pools, detrimental to health, be condemned.

Col. Fisher asked that rock be removed on road from China Grove to Lincolnton road near Elijah Miller's.

Ordered that Klutz and Kincaid be appointed to secure right and have opened a road from Heilig's farm through to the McCasless farm.

T. H. Vanderford and a number of others appeared before the Board in regard to having Grant Creek cleaned out from McCoy's Mill to the river. Asked that the county assist in having work done. The Board asked for instructions from the County Attorney as to its power and authority in the matter, and C. T. Bernhardt, W. L. Klutz and J. J. Kincaid were appointed to confer with property owners and city authorities in regard to the matter. The Commissioners are willing to do all possible to have the creek properly cleaned out and drained.

Ordered that H. C. Lentz secure right of way on west side of Southern Railway from Landis to county line.

C. J. Deal was paid \$10 in part payment for nursing Alf. Journey. Lewis Ribelin and others appeared before the Board and asked that work be continued on Stokes ferry road, one-fourth mile just beyond where work is now being done. Granted.

\$40 was allowed to 14 out-of-door poor.

Klutz & Rendleman were given the contract for supplies for the county home and Salisbury Grain and Feed Co. were given the contract for feed.

The Elks Memorial Day.

The Elk Fraternity of Salisbury observed last Sunday as memorial day. The service was held in the new opera house. Richardson's orchestra of Charlotte furnished the music; excepting a solo by Mrs. J. F. Carlton of Statesville, and a duet by Mrs. Carlton and C. E. Stevenson, of Salisbury. Dr. J. M. Flippin presided, Rev. J. C. Rowe, offered prayer and Hon. Thomas Settle, of Asheville delivered the annual address. Eulogies were delivered in behalf of the late A. S. Heilig and J. B. Lanier.

Stealing a ham—war on society.

entirely destroyed, has been manufacturing chairs for a long time, and the present disaster has severely crippled the concern. O. E. Mendenhall, manager for the company, is among the heaviest losers. The new fire department of Lexington did noble work, and but for its apt aid, great loss would have entailed to property owners nearby.

MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

Good Farming in Davie, Mr. Cope Loses his Barn by Fire.

Mocksville Courier, Nov. 30th. We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. W. C. Willson in North Mocksville. Mrs. Willson has pneumonia.

W. F. Cope who lives near Macedonia Church had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents and two horses and mule by fire one night last week.

A very interesting meeting of some days closed at X Roads Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. J. J. Beach of Roanokeville assisted by Rev. O. V. Triplett of Oregon conducted the meeting. There were 22 baptisms into the membership of the church, 2 others joined the church by letter.

John F. ster comes to the front and says he raised this year on three acres of land \$218 worth of cotton. He refers all inquirers to Sheriff Sheek. Who can beat it? He will sell a few bushels of the seed at 50c per bushel.

A NICE LOT OF GOLD KNOBS.

Lee Thanks the Commissioners for Work Done on the Stokes Ferry Road.

GOLD KNOB, Dec. 4. At last our long looked-for and much needed rain has come to refresh our oat and wheat crop. The long dry spell has sent many to their springs for water. Everybody is complaining of their wells going dry and some few say their springs are failing.

Aunt Annie Lyerly, who had the misfortune to break her leg by falling some time ago, is convalescing at this writing, we are glad to note.

Sam'l. T. Trexler, one of our best young men, has accepted a position with the Southern Railway at Spencer. We join in wishing him success.

N. C. Park is at work framing his new house at this place, which adds much beauty, as it will be the finest in the villa.

The Goodman Sawmill Co. has accepted a contract to furnish and deliver 40,000 feet of lumber to Granite Quarry for a New York syndicate.

Charles Mesimore and daughter, who were rendered homeless by fire recently, have moved to Chestnut Hill, where his daughter owns a house and lot.

The heirs of the late Jacob A. Trexler went to Salisbury last week to be present at the reading of his will. No particulars have been learned.

W. H. A. Kesler is improving slowly.

The members of St. Peter's church assembled at the residence of the late Dr. L. W. Coleman on Thanksgiving for the purpose of getting wood for their pastor, Rev. F. M. Harr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Park visited O. M. Holshouser last Saturday night.

Jno. L. Trexler is building a residence near his grand-mother's, Mrs. Ann Trexler.

Jno. Waller is making additions to his house.

As yet we have no weddings to report. Guess we'll wait on Uncle Venus and see if he won't include ours.

Last, but not least, we desire to thank our County Commissioners for what they have done and are doing on our "Stokes Ferry road." This is a great help to us whose lot it is to travel this road, especially in winter. This road could occupy the time of the gang the entire winter and get no more than justice. Still, we are thankful for what they have done. Now, if the road-working class of people of Salisbury township could be induced to work and keep up their section of the road, then it would be a pleasure to travelers. If we people down here don't work the road, it won't cost us less than \$5.00 and net over \$25.00, but we don't know whether it is against the law to work the road up there or not, but presume it is, at least they don't work the road, and no one is bound over to court for a misdemeanor. Here we work the road and pay road tax, and if there is anything else to be done we are right here.

BIG FIRE THIS MORNING.

Mrs. L. Fink's Store Ruined, J. M. Knox and Brittain & Campbell Losers.

Fire broke out in the rear of Mrs. L. Fink's millinery and notion store sometime between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. How it originated is unknown. The damage done consists of almost a total loss of Mrs. Fink's stock of goods, about \$15,000, she having something like \$8,000 insurance; the building, belonging to J. M. Knox is damaged to the extent of probably \$2,000, he having \$1,500 insurance, and Brittain & Campbell's loss by smoke and water will range somewhere between \$500 and \$1,000, fully covered by insurance.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mrs. Fink in her loss and it is hoped that the amount will not be so heavy as estimated.

The firemen were promptly on the scene and did heroic service and prevented a much larger conflagration.

ITEMS FROM FAITH.

A Fine Sermon to the Juniors.—Doing a Rocky Business at Faith.

Rev. W. W. Rowe, of Lower Stone church, preached a fine special sermon to the Junior Order here, at the Reformed church, Sunday night to a large congregation. The Juniors attended in a body.

Two more young men have moved to Faith to live, where work is plenty and wages are high. They are: Messrs. Dolph Eller and Martin Barger.

The largest bundle of papers that comes to Faith once a week is THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN. It has a large circulation in this section.

Gill Maunie, an old colored blacksmith by trade, died about four miles from Faith Sunday.

C. R. Shuping, telegraph operator at Grover, N. C., is at home on a short visit.

Albert Brown is employed as one of the shipping clerks for the Balfour Quarry Company.

B. A. Fesperman & Company is operating granite quarries and scatters a lot of money here.

Peeler, Baime & Co. have fifteen or twenty granite cutters at work on their Phillips Mountain quarry.

Ira Boat is hauling brick to build chimneys to his new house.

G. M. Fisher is running quarries on his land and employs a number of hands.

J. T. Artz is running a big quarry on George Hoppers plantation, paying out quite a lot of money to his hands.

John D. A. Fisher continues to ship granite, and he, also, pays out a lot of money to his hands.

D. A. Hodge is running two quarries and his output brings in many hundreds of dollars for the people who work for him.

J. T. Wyatt is shipping street curbing and could ship twice as much as he does if he could get flat cars. This brings in several hundred dollars every month, which is scattered out among the merchants in Salisbury and Faith.

Mr. Roach, of Granite Quarry, a new man, has opened up a quarry and is shipping curbing right along we understand. That will scatter lots of money in our section, because it takes money to make the mare go.

John Lingle found Gideon Eagle's pocket book and gave it back to him. It contained \$28.00 or more.

We had an extra good rain Saturday night, and the long, long dry spell was broken.

Eddie Brown is running a quarry, which brings quite a lot of money to this settlement. John Barger also runs a quarry and pays out lots of money.

The big granite quarry that belongs to the A. S. Heilig estate in Faith is the finest quarry in this country and will make a fortune for its owners some day, when they put in a side-track.

VENUS. T. Edgar Johnston, who has been sojourning by necessity at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium is improving.

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Matthew Hill Killed by an Engine, Mrs. Patterson Seriously Injured.

Concord Times, Dec. 1st. The Social Club, of Concord, with \$9500 capital has been incorporated by J. E. Miller and others.

Mrs. W. R. Harris has been appointed assistant secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Salisbury district. No better selection could have been made.

Mrs. John I. Patterson, who lives five miles from Salisbury, suffered injuries Tuesday that may result fatally. She was in her yard and while she started to pick up a rock she fell and broke her right arm. Her extreme age, 84 years, is decidedly against her and it is feared that the shock will be too great for her.

Matthew Hill was run over and instantly killed by the shifting engine above the depot near the Buffalo mill shortly after 4 o'clock evening. He had gone to the depot to meet two of his friends, Jake Tucker and Hiram Helms, who had been to Salisbury to get some whiskey. Mr. Hill was carrying the whiskey and was walking just ahead of his friends. The latter were drinking, but Mr. Hill was not. They were watching a freight train on the main line and did not see the switch train. It ran over Mr. Hill and ground him almost to pieces. The train also struck Mr. Tucker and hurt him right seriously but not fatally. Mr. Hill was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

Concord Times, Dec. 5th. John C. Wadsworth has started a poultry farm on his place on the Chalotte road. He will have nothing but white poultry, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, etc.

J. Frank Brown has sold his interest in the Brown Cannon Co. to the other stockholders, and will retire from the firm January 1. He has not decided what he will do. He has a flattering offer to go to Salisbury to engage in the stock business, but has not yet accepted.

Dan Garmond, colored, of No. 5, was brought here last Thursday night charged with attempted rape on the 9-year-old daughter of Adam Blair. There seems to be no doubt of his guilt and he was bound over to court in the sum of \$1,000. He could not give bond, of course, and is now in jail.

On Thursday night of last week there was a row and general shooting at a negro festival at "Charity Hall." Will Thomas did the shooting, and one of his bullets struck Pearl Cochran, a fourteen-year-old negro girl. It was thought at first the girl's wounds were not serious, but Friday she was taken worse and died that night. Thomas escaped, and has not yet been apprehended.

The little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fisher was drowned last Friday evening while Mr. Fisher and Mr. Overcash were engaged in killing a hog just above the spring. The child found its way down the path which led to the spring and was playing in the water when it lost its balance, fell into the spring and was drowned. The child was in the water about five minutes before it was noticed. When Mr. Overcash and Mr. Fisher saw what had happened they ran to the child and did everything they could for it, but life was soon extinct.

Since the announcement that our present postmaster is to be removed for cause, the fight between those who wish to succeed him has warmed. There are two avowed candidates for the place, Messrs. Jno. A. Sims and M. L. Buchanan. Several others have been mentioned for the place, namely: Messrs. F. L. Emery, G. Ed. Lester, C. A. Cook and Geo. W. Means.

Mr. Sims has the endorsement of the Republican Executive Committee of nine townships in the county. Ex-Sheriff Buchanan will have the endorsement of a large part of the business men of Concord. We do not know that Mr. Means has announced his candidacy, but there seems to be an impression that the plum might fall to him. Mr. Emery is also a strong candidate. We do not think either Mr. Kestler or Mr. Cook is a candidate. The appointment will be made for the unexpired term of Mr. Patterson, which ends next July.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Two Deaths at Albemarle.—Merchants Doing a Hustling Business.

Stanley Enterprise, Nov. 30th. Mrs. Jonathan Hardester died on last Saturday night, the 25th; about 8 o'clock. She had been in quite feeble health since the death of her husband, who died some twenty months ago. She suffered a stroke of paralysis one day last week and the death angel came Saturday night and relieved her of her suffering. Her funeral was preached by Rev. Mr. Hutchins in the M. E. Church, of which she was a member. Her remains were laid to rest in the New London cemetery Sunday evening, the 26th.

David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Culp, died about 1 o'clock Monday morning. He retired Sunday night apparently in his usual health, but just before dying he called to his mother, who hastened to the bed-side, only to find her son in a dying condition. He lived only but a few moments after the mother reached his side. He was 27 years of age last May, and for five or six years had been a sufferer from consumption. He was a well esteemed young man. His remains were interred in the New London cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Hutchins.

As an instance of some of the business being done in Albemarle by our merchants, it is interesting to note that the firm of Morrow Bros. & Heath Company last week received sixteen car load shipments, beside a lot of local freight. The shipment was as follows: 1 car each of nails, lime, cement, steel roofing, stoves, cotton-seed meal, seed wheat, wagons, 3 cars flour, 3 cars mill feed and 2 of fertilizers.

The letter carried up by the delegates from the First Baptist church of this place to the recent session of the Stanly County Association in Big Lick, showed a total contribution during the year of \$1,820.22—over \$200 more than the same church contributed last year. Nearly \$400 of this amount was given to missions and orphanage. \$125 was contributed to Foreign Missions. The Woman's Mission Society of this church paid \$102.80.

A large audience assembled at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening to witness the formal installation of Rev. G. W. Belk as pastor of the church here. A splendid sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Allison, followed by the work of installation, which was conducted by Mr. Allison and Rev. Dr. Bridges, of Charlotte. The services were regarded as being of a high order and the lectures by both speakers were fine.

D. A. Moss had quite a wreck last week while driving a wild western horse to Salisbury. The horse ran away and demolished his buggy and harness, and he only escaped by crawling out at the hind end of his buggy. It took a few days to find his horse and get things straightened out again, but he lost his harness. He says the scrape cost him about twenty dollars.

Cement pavement is being placed along the sidewalk in front of the buildings on the west side of Second street, near the public square.

Saturday was quite a lively day for Albemarle in street fights and drunks. Our officials who have long been in the habit of letting this class of criminals off with the fine and "costs," would do the community a lasting good and incidentally swell the school fund considerably if they would occasionally impose the limit prescribed by law.

Shot In the Back.

W. M. Sherman, of Chushing, Me., was shot in the back, hourly day and night, for full three months; by the shooting, tearing and racking pains of Kidney Inflammation. He writes: "I used three bottles of Electric Bitters, and know that they have permanently cured me, for I feel like a new man. I recommended this great tonic medicine to all sufferers from kidney trouble. It's just as sure to relieve and cure malaria and all stomach and liver complaints, general debility and female weakness. Guaranteed by all druggists; price 50c."