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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

The City Election. Another Industry for Our Enterprising Neighbor.

Lexington Dispatch, May 8th.

Rowan Wooley, who disappeared a few days ago from his home near Friedburg, has been heard from. He writes a sister that he is in the far West and purposes to locate somewhere in that part of the country. There are several rumors as to why he so mysteriously left, but none have been confirmed and we do not know why he so unceremoniously departed.

Wednesday W. L. Andrews, superintendent for the Southern on this division, and E. H. Thompson, a freight official, were in town, conferring with leading business men regarding the proposed belt line around Lexington. They are clever gentlemen and their road is interested in this scheme that will undoubtedly contribute much to Lexington's industries if put through. The proposed track would cost \$30,000 or \$40,000. And some time it will be built. It may not be very near, but is bound to come.

Lexington is to have another manufacturing industry in the shape of a glass factory. A company of Lexington business men has been organized with a paid in capital of \$15,000 to manufacture mirrors for furniture. All the stock has been subscribed and a charter has been applied for. Leading business men are interested, especially those engaged in the manufacture of furniture, which industry this new concern will greatly benefit. Among the stockholders are Messrs. J. R. McCrary, D. F. Conrad, W. H. Walker and J. T. Hedrick. The promoter of the enterprise is Mr. Thomas Galagher, of Pennsylvania.

The election held here Monday was the most interesting in many years and was by far the closest ever held. It resulted in the election of three new commissioners, two of the old board being retained. These two were Messrs. Geo. W. Moncastle and Joe H. Thompson, and the three new members of the board are Messrs. Z. I. Walser, E. A. Rothrock and L. F. Weaver. A very full vote was polled, 420 citizens out of the total of 525 voters taking part in the balloting.

Yesterday morning two young boys, aged about 12 and 14, named Milikin, were walking from their home near the Nokomis mill, to the Ondine chair factory, where they are employed, when something exploded at their feet. They do not seem to know what it was, but the jar they got was terrific. Their hands are badly lacerated and the face of one was wounded. They found a piece of fuse and an old bottle near by, but do not know what they had to do with it. They are not dangerously hurt, unless blood poisoning would set in. The double-tracking force has been blasting above town for some time, and it might have been that they trod on a dynamite cap.

A gentleman from the country dropped into the store of the Lexington Hardware Company the other day and asked for scissors. He seemed to be rather particular about the quality and finally confessed that he wanted them to cut hair with. The salesman asked him who was cutting hair in his community and the gentleman replied that he cut his own hair. Then he explained that he placed a mirror before him and one behind and trimmed up his head as well as any barber could do it.

Work on the Southbound is still

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

That Tax Book Scheme. Editor Bivins Hands out Some Plain Statements.

Stanly Enterprise, May 10th.

Lest they forget, and lest they cause many good people of the county to accept mere denials and assertions for the truth, we want to keep facts before Republicans and disgruntled Democrats who seek to explain that tax-book dodge, whereby it became easy for one crowd to pay poll taxes and get receipts, and exceedingly hard for another. If they want to prove the charges made through our columns as untrue, then let them show:

1. That the men into whose hands the tax books were placed were duly sworn as officers and that their oaths were registered as required by law.

2. That in each township the tax book for said township remained first and always in the hands of the officer who was legally deputized for the collection of taxes in that township, and at no time was it transferred to another party.

3. That the list handed by the Sheriff to County Clerk R. A. Crowell was a correct list of the men who were chosen and legally deputed for said collection of taxes in the respective townships, and that the books remained in the hands of these men until they were duly returned to him.

When these facts have been clearly established we will apologize to every Republican in Stanly county.

We have voiced the grievance of good men from almost every section of the county. Many of them were mad and are mad yet, because they felt that they had not been treated justly. They are men who would not lie. Their word is as good as a bond. They are ready at any time to give affidavits.

On the Southern's yards at Danville, Va., Friday morning, Frank W. Shankle, formerly of this place, was struck by passenger train No. 8 and instantly killed. Marshall Shankle, brother of the young man, of Washington, D. C., and J. E. Agle, a brother-in-law, of this place, went to Danville to accompany the remains to this place. The burial took place Sunday, in the cemetery at Bethesda church, Rev. R. D. Sherrill conducting the services. It is rather a coincidence that the young man should have lost his life in a similar way to his brother Crowell, who was killed a few years ago by a train on the yards at Charlotte.

There has been an epidemic of mumps in Albemarle and other sections of the county, and the disease assumes a peculiar form. It resembles a mild case of meningitis, in that it seems to go to the brain and causes violent headaches. F. E. Starnes is suffering from a very severe case now, and quite a number in Albemarle have been troubled likewise.

progressing, we hear. There is nothing new to give out, however. A large force of mules and men are over there near Winston excavating the first two miles and the work will cost \$80,000, all of which we have printed before. Perhaps the only news there is that the Pennsylvania railroad will probably control the South bond. The enthusiasm worked up by the announcement that work had begun is in need of a stimulant and we would like to hear that another force was at work at some other point. We hunger and thirst for something "great big" to be doing.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Officers of Glass Co. Elected. Death of W. Henry Lippard.

Statesville Landmark, May 8th.

W. Henry Lippard, who had been critically ill for some time, died yesterday morning about 8 o'clock at his home at Barium Springs. The remains will be buried today at St. Martin's Lutheran church. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. R. R. Sowers, pastor of St. Michael's church, Troutman, of which Mr. Lippard was a member. Mr. Lippard was in his 77th year. His wife and six children, four daughters and two sons, survive. All the children live at home except one daughter—the wife of Rev. H. A. Trexler of Rowan county.

The directors of the O. W. Slaine Glass Co. elected some time ago, met yesterday and organized by electing the following officers: President, T. D. Miller; vice-president, W. F. Hall; secretary and manager, O. W. Sline; treasurer, Geo. H. Brown. A site has been bought from Isidore Wallace. It lies just across the Western railroad from Steele's foundry, on the west of Fourth street. The price paid was \$500. Messrs. W. A. Thomas, E. M. Purdy and J. G. Shelton were appointed a building committee and instructed to buy material and proceed with the building. A brick building will be erected and it is hoped to get the factory in operation early in the summer.

Miss Gilie Lee Hendrix, daughter of Giles Hendrix, and J. Will Propst were married Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, near Oak Forest, in Cool Spring township, Rev. V. M. Swaim officiating.

Mel Clark dropped in yesterday to talk about the big cat fish our Troutman correspondent reported being caught in the Catawba river at Sherrill's ford. Mr. Clark says numerous cat fish are now coming down the river and that the movement is due to dynamite; that persons up the river are throwing dynamite in the stream to kill the fish. This is wrong and a violation of the law, but it is being done just the same.

The ice plant of the Statesville Oil & Fertilizer Co. has been completed and is now being tested. The manufacture of ice will commence in a few days. The capacity is 15 tons daily, most of which will be handled by The Iredell Ice & Fuel Co. and R. O. Harbin. The rest will be shipped.

A couple of squads of Italians, who were making their way to New York, were in Statesville last week. It is understood that they had been employed on the construction work of the South and Western Railroad, now building through Mitchell and McDowell counties. Their story was that they were induced to come South by a labor agent who promised them \$1.50 per day, but after they went to work they received only 60 cents a day. While The Landmark knows nothing of the facts except their statement, this story should be taken with several grains of allowance. There is an active demand for laborers and good workers readily command at least \$1.25 a day on railroad construction work. Many Italians who were brought South to work on the railroad mentioned have deserted and gone back because the contractors deducted from their wages at the beginning the cost of transporting them, and this is probably the trouble with this bunch.

Famous Strike Breakers. The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on a strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. 25¢ at all druggists.

Lost.—In or near Cooleemee a long handled tack hammer with magnet at one end. Reward will be given by returning to WATCHMAN.

Mrs. Shoemaker, who lives with

A MENACE TO THE SOUTH.

The Right of the South to Insist Upon Having None Save the Best.

The Tradesman, July 16th, 1905.

The Tradesman does not assume to be any more loyal or devoted to the interests of the south than its contemporaries of the southern press, but it is so fully convinced of the menace now confronting the south from the reception of indiscriminate classes of immigrants among us that no other apology is offered our readers for again bringing the matter to their attention.

We feel that the south deserves the very best that this earth affords in all lines; that it has borne its own peculiar burdens unaided and alone for the past forty years until it has conquered a better understanding of those burdens and a higher respect for its attitude towards them from the rest of the civilized world, so that it would be nothing less than criminal now to jeopardize the standing the south has won at so much of trial for its people.

That there is a menace before us, imminent and active, requires only the slightest examination to uncover. In the first place, that there greater numbers of the undesirable of other lands coming to our shores at the present than ever known before is a matter of notorious publicity; that these are creating problems of crime and poverty in northern centers is openly avowed and relief demanded, and yet these are the classes and some of the evils that it is sought to fasten upon the south.

And this is not a movement inaugurated at the hands of ungenerous competitors in the industrial world, nor does it come from those who are politically in opposition to the policy of the south, but it comes from our own midst and at the hands of our own friends, which renders the effort to correct it the more difficult and the fight against it the more unpleasant; but here is the scheme and here are its apologists and backers:

An organized movement has been started in Birmingham, that has for its mouthpiece the Birmingham Age-Herald, and over which the business manager of that paper was called to preside, and which is advocating policies and plans that will make the south the dumping ground for these classes now coming among us, and an unloading place for the scum of northern cities.

Here is the evidence on which these statements are based: In a recent editorial the Age-Herald

says: "If, as is reported, President Roosevelt proposes to put before Congress propositions intended to restrict immigration, he should be opposed by every representative from the south," and further along in the same editorial this paper says: "Instead of landing these vast numbers where they are wanted, and where owing to their poverty they largely stay, let them be landed at New Orleans, within the reach of the cotton states and from which they can be carried by water to the middle west. We have the power to say where they shall be landed and the New York steamship lines can be compelled to carry them to New Orleans. No other change in our immigration laws is needed, southern members should see that no other is made."

Congressmen of the south, what say you to this plan for the degradation of the south? After forty years of struggle to maintain race purity in the south and uphold an American standard of citizenship, are you going to quietly but effectively undo the work of all these years newspaper at the beck and bidding of a railroad coterie and this time-serving?

Then again, of all the cities of the south which should have been spared from this dire calamity, Birmingham is the one, for already she has a population that is giving her thoughtful citizens the gravest concern; already a large majority of her people go armed as a matter of self-protection for it has not been many months since the attorney for the state, in seeking to convict a red-handed murderer before a jury in Birmingham made this declaration: "The cheapest thing in Jefferson county is human life," and yet given five years of those whom the Age-Herald is thus inviting, not only Birmingham but every southern town and city would have problems and burdens before which their present ones would be as but a drop in the ocean of crime and poverty that would envelop them.

The opening of any southern port means the taking of the bad with the good: it means another race problem to which the south is a stranger; it means the lowering of our standard of citizenship; it means conditions that would stop the investment of capital and bring development to a standstill, and every other evil that attends the reception of undesirable immigrants.

Besides this, we don't have to take the undesirable under present conditions, and a firm stand for only those who are desirably will of itself bring the best classes that are to be had. The south has received and is now receiving solid, substantial settlers throughout its entire domain; they are coming with reasonable rapidity, but we can safely provide for all who will come as tillers of the soil for all these the hands of The Tradesman are outstretched to the outmost; but these others will flood our towns and cities, and, added to the increased number of idle negroes that such classes would cause, there is much of danger in it that no friend of the south should openly invent it, but exert his utmost effort to prevent it.

We had better consent to go a little slower, better accept the "ills we have than fly to others we know not of." The Tradesman wants a disavowal from the railroads of this position of the Age-Herald. The Tradesman wants desirable immigrants, but we want it clearly and unmistakably understood that we don't want and will not have the "scum of Europe" if in our power to prevent it.

Some weeks ago a man and woman came to Concord with a little baby only five weeks old. They boarded at Horace Russell's, near the Yorke furniture factory, but Mr. Russell soon found that they were not the right sort of people and asked them to leave. One morning before the woman went to her work in the Gibson mill she piled bed clothing over the child and tried to smother it. It was discovered, however, before any serious results obtained. Henry Petrea took the child, and after the supposed parents left the city and have not since been heard from. Mr. Petrea took care of the little waif in the best way possible, but it did not thrive and died Tuesday night.

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Case of Smallpox. Newberry College to Have a Celebration.

Concord Times, May 8th.

There is a case of smallpox on the farm of F. A. Archibald, in No. 1 township. The case developed last Friday, and the victim is a colored man named Dockens. Dockens says he caught the disease in Charlotte. He was in Concord the day before the disease showed itself. He has a family and the house and all the inmates have been quarantined. The case has been pronounced smallpox by the county physician, Dr. R. S. Young. It is hoped that there will not be many spread of the terrible malady.

Newberry College will celebrate its Semi-Centennial June 10 to 13. On Tuesday, June 12, Prof. H. A. McCullough, of Mt. Pleasant, will deliver an address before the alumni association.

The game of baseball here last Saturday between Trinity and the Forest Hill team resulted in a score of 5 to 1 in favor of the home boys. This is a great big feather in our cap, as Trinity is one of the crack teams of the South, having defeated Harvard and other good teams. The Forest Hill boys did some fine playing, and has reason to feel proud of their victory.

The congregation of the First Baptist church on last Sunday presented their pastor with a purse sufficient to pay his expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention, which convenes May 10 at Knoxville.

The Forest Hill band will go to Statesville on No. 8 Thursday morning to play for Memorial Day exercises up there on that day. The band played at the dance last night, and will also furnish music at an entertainment at Sunderland tonight.

Concord Times, May 11th.

A special committee to draft resolutions concerning funerals and funeral services submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted by the Concord Ministerial Association Monday, May 7, with a request that the same be published in local papers:

1. That the funeral services be limited, so far as practicable and in the judgment of the minister, to scriptural reading, and singing and prayer.

2. That we advise against the appointment of funeral services for Sunday, where it can possibly be avoided.

3. That we advise against the public exposure of the remains, especially after the services at the church or home are concluded at the cemetery.

4. That before the arrangements are made as to the time and place of the burial service, the minister expected to conduct the service be consulted.

5. That the services at the cemetery be brief and that the funeral attendants be dismissed and retire immediately after the benediction.

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