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CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

C. F. Ayers Gets \$3,000 From the Southern. An Example in Arithmetic.

Concord Times, Dec. 17-20.

At the meeting of the graded school board held last Saturday the resignation of Prof. Walter Thompson as superintendent of the schools was reluctantly accepted. As is well known, Mr. Thompson tendered his resignation some time ago to accept the superintendency of the Jackson Training School. The resignation takes effect December 31.

A warrant was sworn out yesterday before Esq. Lore for Lester Howie, who is charged with rape on the wife of Walter Johnson, who lives on the Morehead place. All parties are colored. Johnson claims that while he was sick in bed Sunday evening Howie came to his home and at the point of a pistol made the assault on his wife, who was milking when he attacked her.

John Mays, colored, of Hightown, was up before the Police Justice yesterday morning charged with an assault on his wife. He beat her up badly with his fists, and also hit her on the head with a pistol. He was given 60 days on the chain gang for this offense, and was fined \$20 for being drunk and cursing.

Mrs. T. A. Holden, who has been in the Salisbury hospital for several weeks, returned to Concord Sunday. We are glad to note that her condition is greatly improved, the operation being entirely successful.

C. F. Ayers, who was injured in a side-swipe on the Southern at Concord a few weeks ago, sustaining a broken leg, has effected a compromise with the authorities and will receive about \$3,000. W. H. Allen, who was also injured at the same time, has received damages. Mr. Ayers was the fireman of one of the trains that suffered in the collision.—Charlotte Chronicle

The whiskey peddlers who travel between this city and Salisbury have discovered another way to elude the officers on their return with their load of jugs. The new station in North Charlotte is now the place of embarkation for many of these shrewd ones. They get off here, walk to Highland Park car line and then come into the city on the street car.—Charlotte News.

Here's an example for the school children: "If a lion can eat a cow in four hours and a bear can eat the same cow in six hours and a wolf can eat the cow in eight hours and a coyote can eat the cow in eleven hours, how long will it take the coyote to eat what is left of the cow after the lion has been eating two hours, the bear an hour and twenty minutes and the wolf three quarters of an hour?"

Mrs. W. J. Montgomery received a telegram Tuesday conveying the sad intelligence that her sister, Mrs. E. H. Harding, had been stricken with paralysis at her home in Milton on that day. One whole side was paralyzed, and the condition of Mrs. Harding is serious. She is 77 years of age, and her death at any time would not be a surprise. Mrs. Harding formerly lived in Concord, Dr. Harding having been pastor of the Presbyterian church here many years ago, and she has often visited here since.

Rev. M. D. Hix has been appointed pastor of Mt. Pleasant circuit instead of Rev. B. F. Hargett. Mr. Hargett has been appointed to Wilkesboro. Mr. Hix was first appointed to Waxhaw, and Rev. C. M. Pickens is sent to that circuit.

Mrs. Senie Stirewalt died at the home of her son, Mr. John Stirewalt, in South Rowan, last Wednesday, after an illness of several days of pneumonia, aged 78 years. She was the widow of Alexander Stirewalt. She leaves three sons and one daughter. The body was interred Thursday at Ebenezer church, the burial service being conducted by Rev. C. M. Brown.

LXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

A Lynching Fright. Dr. Clodfelter Quite Ill. Mr. Vamers Eyes Seriously Affected.

Lexington Dispatch, Dec. 18th.

Dr. Chas. Clodfelter is very dangerously ill at his home on Main street and has been so since Friday night. The trouble is not stated but he has been suffering for months from the effects of the injuries he received in falling on Main street one night into an excavation on the sidewalk, and it may be blood poison. He has been delirious most of the time and suffers intensely with his head. He has had a number of severe attacks since his hurt, and has never been well since then, and this is his worst illness. His family and friends fear he will not recover.

The fire alarm affects many people in many ways. Some people it leaves unscared, but others it scares half to death. Many amusing things could be told of every fire in the history of the town, but an especially funny one is told of a Lexington young man, who, on hearing the alarm on night the Taylor Mendenhall Company's store burned, grabbed his hat and coat, shoes and socks, and arraying himself in these, dashed out of the house minus his trousers. The cold air reminding him, he went back for his pants, but was so thoroughly frightened and wrought up, that he thought he was after his overcoat, and threw his pants across arms, as one carries a coat.

Mrs. Frank H. Shuler died very suddenly Thursday night of heart failure. She was in perfect health when she retired. The day before she was about her work as usual. During the night her grandchild, who was sleeping with her, began to cry. Its mother went to it and upon investigation found her mother cold in death. She was about 65 years old and a good woman. She was buried at Emmanuel Saturday.

Many a man has been holding off for months to get drunk Christmas. There was once a "rich character" who stayed drunk most of the year but on Christmas and other holidays and public occasions was strictly sober. This surprised every man he met on such days and each invariably ask why. "Because every fool is drunk to-day," he would reply.

The boys have a right good joke on one of our citizens whose name shall not be printed. Friday night Mrs. Daisy Shoaf, who, with her husband is charged with beating the little Fields girl, was here with her sister to see about getting up a bond for her husband. The man with whom they were stopping—the hero of this tale—that night received a phone message from Thomasville to meet No. 85. It was the young Stout who phoned, the same they arrested on a charge of murder, mentioned in the Thomasville correspondence, and he it was who wished our Lexington to meet No. 85. The Lexington man, jumping at conclusions, interpreted the matter to mean that a mob was coming after Mrs. Shoaf, and he hustled her down to the jail, with her sister, for safe-keeping, until after the train ran, when he found that there was nothing doing in the celebrated Shoaf-Fields case.

Editor H. B. Varner has practically lost the sight of his right eye. He is much better than he is otherwise and is able to transact business at the office a few minutes each day. The eye, which had an ulcer on it, is healing but no improvement is hoped for in the matter of the sight. His many friends will hear of this with deep regret. It will make every newspaper man shudder.

Gov. Glenn will address the Methodist Sunday school Dec. 29th, and that night will address the congregation. Christmas night there will be an old-fashioned Christmas tree service.

Democratic National Convention.

At the meeting of the Democratic National committee in Washington last week when Denver was selected as the place and July 7th as the date for holding the Democratic national convention, there was quite a debate over the proposition whether the committee would accept the \$100,000 offered by Denver to secure the convention, or only so much thereof as was necessary to pay the expenses. Hon. John Sharp Williams, Senator Tillman and other prominent leaders opposed accepting any of the money outside of what was needed for the actual expenses of the convention, while Chairman Taggart and others insisted on taking all the money and covering into the Democratic treasury for campaign purposes what is not needed for the expenses of the convention. Chairman Taggart pointed out that but for the surplus received at St. Louis the Democratic committee would not have had the means to open campaign headquarters for Judge Parker in 1904. Those who favored taking the money won out by a vote of 81 to 14.

On the first ballot Denver received 22 votes as the place for holding the convention, Louisville 17, Chicago 5 and St. Paul 1. North Carolina voted for Chicago and also voted against accepting any surplus money from Denver. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Democratic national committee cordially approves a movement now under way to assist in bringing about the publicity in the State as well as in the nation of money contributed and all expenditures made by any association, committee or other organization for political purposes."

Anson Citizen A Suicide.

Wadesboro, Dec. 19.—To-day at 12 o'clock one of Anson county's best-known and most-loved men, Mr. J. B. Hendley, killed himself at his store at Ansonville, about ten miles from this place. The awful deed was committed by placing a large pistol barrel in his mouth, after which the shot was fired. He had just waited on a customer in the store about five minutes before the deed was committed.

Mr. Hendley was about 45 years of age and the father of seven children, and is survived by his second wife. He was in business at Ansonville for about 25 years previous to his death. For many years of his business life he was unusually successful, but more recently ill health has kept him from giving close attention to his business and his despondency was probably due to this act. Anson county had few citizens who more readily championed all moral causes and was more concerned about the county's best welfare.—Charlotte Observer.

Salisbury Will Be Tackled Soon.

A well known gentleman who is conversant with the prohibition movement in North Carolina said this week in speaking of the temperance waves sweeping over the State, that he firmly believed that any town in North Carolina could be made dry if an election was called to vote on the matter within the next six months. In speaking of this to a gentleman who likes a good brand of whiskey he was heard to remark that he truly hoped that Salisbury would be the next town tackled as the meanest stuff in the world was handed over the counter there.—News and Observer.

To check a cold quickly, get from your druggist some little Candy Cold Tablets called Preventives. Druggists everywhere are now dispensing Preventives, for they are not only safe, but decidedly certain and prompt. Preventives contain no quinine, no laxative, nothing harsh nor sickening. Taken at the "sneeze stage" Preventives will prevent Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, etc. Hence the name, Preventives. Good for feverish children. 48 Preventives 25 cents. Trial Boxes 5 cts. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.

A Scrap in the House.

Washington, December 19.—The word "liar" twice was used in anger on the floor of the House of Representatives today, the first occasion being when Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, denounced a local newspaper for printing a statement regarding his alleged interest in the deficiency appropriation for seeds for free distribution, and the second and more serious occasion when Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, applied the epithet to Representative Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, resulting in the two men engaging in a fist fight which only ended when they were forcibly separated. The trouble arose over a misunderstanding regarding a conversation of a week ago, about some committee appointments. Mr. DeArmond insisting he had not made any specific recommendation but only had asked that Representative Booher, of Missouri, and one or two other Democrats from that State be considered according to their special fitness. Mr. Williams maintained otherwise, and the anger of the two men increased until they came to blows.

During its 2 hour and 80 minute session the House got down to actual work and transacted considerable business. All that had remained to make this possible was the announcement of the committee appointments, which was made today by the Speaker. The several chairmen immediately became alert with regard to their rights and forced the reference to committee of several propositions upon which immediate action was desired. This was not accomplished, however, which at times grew warm.

The first money appropriated by the present Congress was awarded today. The amount was \$50,000 and it is to be used in supplying a seed deficiency, caused by the destruction by fire of the government seed warehouse in this city.

The House will meet again on Saturday, on which day adjournment for the Christmas holidays will be taken.

Increased Fares on Scottish Railroads.

The Scottish railway companies have as a result of recent conferences resolved upon an increase of fares affecting certain classes of tickets. The week-end fare has been especially affected. In certain cases the week-end ticket has been abolished; in all others an increase of one-sixth has been exacted, and the minimum has been raised to 6s first and 1s. 6d. third, which is an increase of 1s. on the first-class and 6d. on the third-class ticket. On Saturday day tickets at a single fair are abolished. The cheap bookings on public holidays are to be raised one-fourth. It is understood that negotiations are in progress with the English companies which may affect the price of the week-end tickets to London, but nothing has yet been settled on that point. The increased price of coal and other material is given as the excuse for the changes.—Westminster Gazette.

Friday's Charlotte Chronicle: "It is learned on reliable authority that trains 89 and 40 on the Southern Railway will be discontinued January 1st instead of Sunday, the 22nd inst., as was stated in yesterday afternoon's paper. There is a very general complaint at the action of the Southern in this matter."

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles, by all druggists. 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

AN ASSORTED LOT.

State News, General News and Newspaper Comment.

One of the things which may reasonably be expected as a development of the near future is the building of electric railway lines in all this section of the State. Electric power, transmitted by the water powers of our streams, is gradually covering all this portion of the State. An electric line which will connect High Point, Thomasville, Greensboro and Winston is now building and the contract has been let for an electric line from Asheville to Hendersonville.

Gov. Glenn has written to the Navy department urging that the cruiser North Carolina be brought to Cape Lookout for the ceremony of presentation of the silver service on the part of the State. He urges the appropriateness of this ceremony being in North Carolina waters and directs attention to the fact that at Lookout there is an ample landlocked harbor with forty feet of water secure from storm and wind. It has been suggested that this ceremony take place either at Norfolk or Charleston and it is more than likely to be at the former place.

There is virtue in old-fashioned methods, after all, for the small girl who had her first spelling lessons in embroidering a "sampler" learned to hold her own in the ordeal of "spelling down" the district school. And our new-fangled, phonetic spelling methods, wherein the youngster makes a noise like a soda-water fountain before venturing on "C-a-t," are turning out a mighty poor race of spellers.—Industrial Progress.

Who read the President's recent message all through? Who is in the habit of reading such State papers as these in their unabridged form? Who goes through from choice, or for his own edification, any of the annual department reports or similar governmental publications? Is it not true that most people now depend for their impressions of men and affairs not upon what the principals say in the matter, but what those who condense, analyze and edit their too prolonged diffuse utterances say that they have said?—Pittsburg Post.

When the Good Samaritan from the very fulness of his soul exclaimed with dramatic effect, as he looked upon the wounded, bleeding Jew by the wayside, "After all is he not my brother?" he gave expression to the very best sentiment of the human heart. The Jew was his enemy, both in civil and religious relations. The two nationalities had no dealings with each other, and cherished a very bitter hatred. But the touching scene penetrated the heart of the man of Samaria, and sympathy and love triumphed grandly over prejudice and enmity. The story, so full of sweet and God-like sentiment, will live on through the ages, doing more and better missionary work than some zealous brethren who spend their lives in heathen lands.—Manchester Union.

The compromise which Gov. Glenn has offered the railroads—2½ cent, flat rate for State and inter-State business, mileage books at 2 and 2½ and the railroads to pay all expenses of the litigation up to now, is a good one and a liberal one for the State. If the Legislature, called in extra session, would agree to this settlement and the matter could be closed for good, it would be fortunate if the other roads would join the Southern and Seaboard in agreeing to the settlement. But Speaker Justice, counsel for the State in the rate cases it gave notice that he would oppose the settlement and it is possible that he and those of his way of thinking would defeat the compromise if the Legislature was called in extra session, although it is the Landmark's opinion that the compromise would be accepted. But while this settlement is desirable

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Electric Power Turned On. A Big Still Captured. New Bank Organized.

Statesville Landmark, Dec. 17-20.

Sunday afternoon at 4:45 Mayor H. P. Grier turned on the current and Statesville is now supplied with electric power by the Southern Power Co.,—an event which has been in prospect for several months and one ardently desired. The electric power for Statesville comes from Great Falls, S. C., a distance of 104 miles.

P. A. Fletcher, a citizen of north Irredell, was tried before Mayor Grier Saturday morning on a charge of retailing and was bound to Superior Court in the sum of \$500. He gave bond and was released.

Rumors continue to circulate that passenger trains Nos. 21 and 22, from Salisbury to Asheville, will be discontinued about January 1st, leaving only two passenger trains a day each way instead of three as now. It is also rumored that the block system on the Asheville division may be discontinued, which will result in the discharge of a large number of operators.

J. Frank McCubbins, the popular clerk of Rowan Superior Court, was a Statesville visitor Wednesday. Mr. McCubbins' Statesville friends, which includes all of his acquaintances, are all ways glad to see him. The only complaint they make of him is that his visits are too brief and too far apart.

Deputy Collector Davis marched in The Landmark office last night with the large arm of a 150-gallon still and announced that he had captured and destroyed a still that he had been searching for the past 12 months. He had found where the still and fixtures had been many times, but the signal shots of the spies had always notified the operators in time for them to hide the still. Yesterday Mr. Davies took another trip after the still and found the plant near corners of Irredell, Alexander and Wilkes counties. The still proper had been removed to a dense thicket 300 yards away from the plant, but the officer tracked it by the soot on the bushes. During the time the officer was searching for and cutting up the still, guns were firing on all sides.

The first meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Statesville was held at the court house Tuesday afternoon. Geo. B. Nicholson presided. The authorized capital of the bank is \$125,000, with \$25,000 subscribed, and all of the stock except one share was represented at the meeting. Immediately after their election the directors held a meeting and organized by electing the following named officers: L. T. Stimpson president, C. S. Tomlin vice president, F. B. Bunch secretary and treasurer, and J. A. Knox assistant secretary and treasurer.

There are certain legal questions involved in the matter which would constantly come up in the future to plague, and if there is to be peace, which the general public as well as the railroads desire, it may be best in the end to have the matter settled once for all by the Supreme Court of the United States. We say again, however, that the terms which the Governor offers and the Southern and Seaboard agree to accept, are liberal enough and the rate of 2½ cents is low enough.—Statesville Landmark.

A Dangerous Deadlock.

That sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at all drug stores, 25c.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

The Railroad Company Changes an Order. Whitney Shut Down During the Holidays.

Stanly Enterprise, Dec. 19th.

The works at Whitney have shut down for two weeks during the holidays. The new management promises that there will be no surcease of labor on the work until the great enterprise is complete.

E. M. Hall suffered a stroke of partial paralysis one day last week, his left side being effected. Mr. Hall is a tinner by trade, and is a man of tireless energy. The stroke is not regarded as serious, and it is hoped he will soon recover.

Col. W. H. H. Gregory, of Statesville, was an interesting visitor here last week. It was forty-one years ago when he came to Albemarle to assist in organizing the 42nd N. C. Regiment. He was a member of Co. F Virginia Volunteers, first regiment, and was at Harper's Ferry at the hanging of John Brown. His friends were glad to see him here again.

One of the freight trains on the Yadkin was out off a few days ago, and Agent Whitworth was authorized to cut off one of his \$40 assistants. Messrs. Whitworth and Lips did not rebel at the order, but immediately sent in their resignations to take effect at once. It will be pleasing to the many friends of these clever depot men that the Southern reconsidered the matter and promptly reversed the order. In this connection it may be mentioned that Jamie Russell, the clever operator, will enter Whitsett Institute after the holidays.

Report on Odd Fellows.

Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell, of the Odd Fellows of this State, reports 22 new lodges during the current year, bringing the number up to 226, with a membership of 15,810. The State is now divided into 20 districts, each of which has its organization. The greatest loss of the order during the year was due to the death of Nathaniel Jacobi of Wilmington, who was the real founder of the orphanage at Goldsboro. At this building was to be erected and given his name as a memorial. During the year nine Rebekah lodges have been instituted and two cantons of the patriarchs militant. The Grand Lodge meets next April at Hendersonville, and it is expected that Grand Sir Conaway of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be present and speak.

A Pennsylvania Mine Horror.

An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company, located here, Dec. 19, entombed between 200 and 250 miners and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mines alive. Partially wrecked buildings in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found early in the rescue work indicates an explosion of such terrific force that it seems impossible that any one could have survived it. All of the 18 bodies taken out up to this time are terribly mutilated and three of them are headless.

This is the third mine disaster since the first of the month in the veins of bituminous coal underlying western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, for the Naomi mine, near Fayette City and the two mines at Monongah, W. Va., in which the earlier explosions happened, are in the same belt as the local workings. Today's catastrophe swells the number of victims of deadly mine gas for the 19 days to between 550 and 600.

Glory to Concord.

The graded school authorities of Charlotte will not allow the pupils as a whole to give presents to the teachers.—Concord Times.