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CHINA GROVE NEWS ITEMS.

A Number of Brief and Interesting Article of our Neighbor's Doings.

On last Monday morning W. C. Sifford, cashier of the Bank of China Grove, and secretary of the China Grove Building and Loan Association, was assigned the entire control of the bank, as regards to inside work. Rev. C. B. Miller, president, is still the president, but will take no part in the active work. Mr. Sifford will be assisted on the books by his sister, Miss Mary L. Sifford.

Mrs. Eva Lucinda, wife of Philip Shuffler, died at her home on Church street, last Thursday night. Mrs. Shuffler had been a sufferer from a complication of diseases. Before marriage, about eight years ago, she was Miss Foil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Foil, who survive her. She also leaves a husband and brother and a sister to mourn their loss. She professed religion about 18 years ago and joined the Evangelical Lutheran church, and when rest came to her she died in that faith. She was in the 30th year of her age at the time of her death. The funeral was preached by her pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown, at the Methodist church, in China Grove, after which her remains were carried to Green Lawn cemetery where they were solemnly placed to rest. The husband and parents have the profound sympathy of the entire community in this sad hour of their bereavement.

A little girl, one of the infant twins of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Deal, died on last Monday night. The little child was about six weeks old, and had been a suffer since its birth. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends. The funeral was preached at the home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by their pastor, Rev. M. M. Nocher, after which the little body was carried to the Green Lawn cemetery, where it was placed to rest.

The China Grove Cornet Band attended, in full force, the Miller town lot sale at Mooresville last Tuesday, having been chartered by the Millers to play that day. This is a splendid band, of which our town, or any other town should be proud of, and every one should do all they can to encourage the members in their efforts to render first-class, soul-stirring music. There are 19 members, and the material of which it is constituted is as good and will stand as fair as any band in the State.

A Counterfeit Blind Tiger.

A fake blind tiger, it is said, did a thriving business here last Saturday night. The tiger would spot a man whose looks betokened great thirst, and approaching the thirsty one would whisper, "Don't you want to buy some corn?" If the man approached expressed a desire to invest his coin in "corn"—and they do say that there were many corn buyers running at large last Saturday night—the purchaser was told to meet the seller at a designated place and time—the time being mighty soon after the deal was made. The seller showed up at the appointed place and time named with a pint or a quart of corn and got his money for it at the high price of 50c a pint. There was not so much fake about the transaction after all, for it was not corn juice that was sold, but just plain corn, sound and fit for use. And they do say further that there was no cheating as to quantity, no short weight or measure, full and fair measure being given. A pint of good clean white corn for a half dollar. The price was high sure, but those who bargained for pure corn have no kick coming, because they did not get corn juice—Monroe Journal.

Threatening feverishness with children is quickly and safely calmed by Preventives. These little Candy Cold Cure Tablets should always be at hand—for promptness is all-important. Preventives contain no quinine, nothing harsh or sickening. They are indeed, "the stitch in time." Carried in pocket, or purse. Preventives are a genuine safeguard against colds. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

GETTING DOWN TO WORK.

District Committees of Associate Charities Have Been Appointed.

The city authorities have offered the city hall as a meeting place for the Associate Charities, which offer has been gratefully accepted. Some members of the committees will be at the hall every day except Sunday, between 12 and 1 o'clock. The district committees have been appointed and the members have consented to serve. Following are names of those appointed on these committees:

District No. 1.—N. Main, West ern Ry., N. Fulton and W. Innes —Committee: J. E. Hennessee, Mrs. C. M. Brown, Miss Jean Martin.

District No. 2.—W. Innes, N. Fulton, all west and north—Committee: T. H. Vanderford, Sr., L. W. Blackwelder, Miss Carrie Roberts.

District No. 3.—North Western Ry., west Main line Southern and East Jackson—Committee: T. E. Johnston, C. M. Henderlite, J. R. Crawford.

District No. 4.—E. Innes, main line Southern, Western Ry. and N. Main.—Committee: G. H. Shaver, W. R. Cox, C. W. Windsor.

District No. 5.—East Innes, main line Southern, Park Ave., and all east.—Committee: G. W. Whitlock, A. G. Peeler, G. A. Fisher.

District No. 6.—Park Ave., Main line Southern, all east and north.—Committee: M. L. Caultle, H. E. Ruffy, S. Bradshaw.

District No. 7.—Main line Southern, E. Innes, E. Horah and all east.—Committee: B. L. Caultle, Henry Beaver, Fred L. Palmer.

District No. 8.—Main line Southern, E. Horah, Mill St., and all east.—Committee: J. M. Steele, Mrs. R. V. McDaniel, Miss Carrie Corl.

District No. 9.—Main line Southern, W. Innes, W. Horah and all west.—Committee: Theo. Brown, M. C. Quinn, Stephen F. Lord.

District No. 10.—Main line Southern, W. Horah, W. Thomas and all west.—Committee: Dr. I. H. Foust, A. H. Snider, T. H. Stiff.

District No. 11.—Main line Southern, W. Thomas, all south and west.—Committee: C. M. Higgins, Miss Josie Nussman, M. D. Coburn.

District No. 12.—Main line Southern, Mill St., all east and south.—Committee: R. M. Leonard, H. E. Russell, John Cruise.

The South Will do as it Chooses.

"The South, the section that has given more or less trouble in politics for a good many years, is again being brought to the foreground in the hope of changing its political complexion and having it otherwise mend its ways.

The Tradesmen has nothing to do with politics further than urging all those who have vested interests to exercise their franchise rights and thus insure a safe administration, whether local or national. At the same time the harping again on the "Solid South" is not to our liking, nor is it, we believe to that of the majority of our citizens. If our national administration cannot do any given section of the country full justice without stopping to inquire whether the section is "Solid or otherwise," it is time to look after the national end and not the sectional.

The South, like the North, East and West, is going to do just exactly what it believes is right and neither threats nor promises is going to change it politically or in any other way. It is a section that has worked out its own salvation thus far, and, it is gratifying to add, reaches a point in industrial importance that assures its being able to continue doing so.—Chattanooga Tradesman.

The Secret of Long Life.

A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It is a god-send to weak, sick and debilitated people. "Kidney trouble had brightened my life for months," writes W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., "but Electric Bitters cured me entirely." Only 50c. at All druggists.

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

A Child Burned to Death. Needed an Export Lock Picker.

Concord Times, Feb. 4th.
On last Saturday the six-year-old daughter of H. M. Lefler, of the Bala mill, was burned to death. Her mother had just stepped out of the house, when during her absence the child's clothing caught fire while she was standing in front of the open fire-place warming herself, the weather being very cold. The child's clothing was burned entirely off and her body so badly burned that she died the next day. The sufferings of the little one were terrible, and death was a relief. Everything possible was done for her, but to no avail. The bereaved parents have the deepest sympathy of all who know them in such a great affliction.

Several days ago something got wrong with the lock of the safe in the Cabarrus Saving Bank at Mt. Pleasant, and the cashier, L. J. Foil, took the combination off to have it fixed. Capt. Jonas Cook, also connected with the bank, did not know this, and shut the door. The lock was thrown by force of gravity, and the door could not be opened. An expert had to be secured from a distant city, and he worked at the lock for two days before he could open the door. This was done last Monday, to the great relief of those interested, and everything is now all right.

Louis A. Brown entertained a number of his friends of the Masonic order at dinner last Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. A. Brown. Those present were: Messrs. T. C. Linn and Paul Bernhardt, of Salisbury, Jas. C. Fink, M. L. Buchanan, J. H. Rutledge, J. M. Hendrix and Leonard Brown.

The outfit of the Central North Carolinian, the Republican paper which was published here for several months, but which has been suspended since December was attached for unpaid rent last Tuesday by J. P. Allison, the outfit being in the Allison building. The equipment consists of a Babcock press and a complete outfit of body and job type and other material for getting out a seven column paper.

Last evening as K. L. Craven was on his way home from his coal yard, driving a young mule to one of his wagons, a shaft broke and the mule started to run away. Mr. Craven was thrown out violently to the ground, his head striking the hard macadam. He was knocked senseless, and did not recover consciousness until some time after he was removed to his home. It was at first thought that his injuries were serious, but it was found that his skull was not fractured, and no bones broken. He is now resting as well as could be expected.

A Touching Incident.

The Standard says a Concord widow in destitute circumstances, with two sick children, has engaged in cutting wood to make a support, and that a few days ago she stood at a woodpile all day and chopped wood in a cold drizzling rain. Such things ought not to be in any community. The woman is evidently not lacking in energy and she should be helped and given more suitable work.—Statesville Landmark.

The above opens a broad question. Intellectually, financially, in opportunity, advantage, etc., there are great differences. Some are highly favored in one or more of the above and above the privileges. Others improve them and thrive. Still there are many others more unfortunate. Either through misfortune, inability or lack of gift or advantage, they struggle along and often come to want. It is here where "our brother's keeper" part comes in—the poor are with us always and our duty is plain. And no woman in North Carolina, with two sick children should be forced to chop wood all day in the cold, drizzling rain for the support of herself and children, in Concord, Winston-Salem, Statesville or other community.—Winston Republican.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Badly Damaged by Dynamite. New Rural Route to be Established.

Stanly Enterprise, Feb. 4th.
W. E. Tucker, of Locust, sent us a nice red clover blossom which he plucked from his field. Something unusual in this section for January.

A new rural route leading out from Albemarle, to go by what is known as Finger postoffice, has been granted and this news will be of interest to the many patrons living along the line. It will start off April 1. On February 27, a competitive examination will be held here for the selection of a carrier of the route.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Townsend, who have been touring India for several months, are expected to arrive in Albemarle on Saturday, on a visit to the parents of Mrs. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hearn.

Dwight the 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Crowell, on Sunday lost the thumb, index and middle fingers on his left hand and the index finger on his right hand as the result of a dynamite cap exploding in his hands. The cap was an old one and was thought to be empty. Dwight was using a hat pin to pick out what he thought was dirt when the explosion followed. Only one joint of each finger was removed. Dr. V. A. Whitley, fortunately for the boy, was passing at the time, and prompt attention was given him. Dwight's friends will be glad to learn that he is getting along nicely.

Hurt by Explosion.

Leroy Gillespie, of the county, was the victim of a "serious accident" a few days ago. Mr. Gillespie lives at Mill Bridge on the farm of J. Rowan Davis and has had temporary charge of a store at that place. While cleaning up the store he found a small package which aroused his curiosity. Mr. Gillespie opened the package and found that it contained some small dynamite cartridges, such as farmers often use when clearing land. Mr. Gillespie, evidently did not know at the time what the stuff was, or he would have handled it more tenderly, while picking at the stuff with a knife, or pin, it exploded and made considerable racket. Three fingers on Mr. Gillespie's left hand were so badly injured that amputation was necessary while one of the fingers on the other hand was badly lacerated. In addition to this his chin was badly fractured. The victim of this unfortunate accident is an excellent man and his friends sympathize with him strongly. A negro who was helping Mr. Gillespie, ran out as soon as the explosion occurred and is possibly going yet.

The Government Building.

J. G. Heilig has a force of men at work cleaning up the ground at Church and Innes streets, which will be occupied by the government building. The purpose is to have all buildings removed and the site made ready for the foundation in thirty days. Bids for the erection of the building are to be opened on February 17th, and the contract will no doubt be awarded soon after that date.

In sickness, if a certain hidden nerve goes wrong, then the organ that this nerve controls will also surely fail. It may be a Stomach nerve, or it may have given strength and support to the Heart or Kidneys. It was Dr. Shoop that first pointed to this vital truth. Dr. Shoop's Restorative was not made to ease the Stomach nor to temporarily stimulate the Heart or Kidneys. That old fashioned method is all wrong. Dr. Shoop's Restorative goes directly to these failing inside nerves. The remarkable success of the prescription demonstrates the wisdom of treating the actual cause of these failing organs. And it is indeed easy to prove. A simple five or ten days test will surely tell. Try it once, and see! Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Mother Finds Child Dead in Bed. Buttons Dropped off his Clothes.

Statesville Landmark, Feb. 2nd.
Ben Cornelius, who stood the civil service examination for railway mail clerks at Greensboro last March, received notice yesterday that he is now on the eligible list for appointment.

Saturday morning a number of gentlemen were standing around the big stove in the store of the Evans Hardware Co., when they were amazed to see the buttons dropping from the coat of a member of the party. The gentleman whose coat seemed to be under the spell of a magician, picked up one of the buttons to investigate the trouble and found that the buttons were made of a substance that is easily softened by heat and as they were heated by the hot stove they melted from the coat. The cloth showed no signs of being damaged by the heat which melted the buttons.

M. A. Chandley, of Madison county, who has been in the revenue collector's office for some years, coming here with the office from Asheville, has been promoted to the vacancy in the office caused by the transfer of Deputy Collector Freeman to Revenue Agent Sam's office at Asheville. The promotion means an increase in the salary of Mr. Chandley. H. W. McAllister, who was a store-keeper at Salisbury, succeeds Mr. Chandley, and arrived yesterday to take up his new duties.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Q. M. Freeze, of the Amity section died very suddenly yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Freeze left their bed early in order that Mr. Freeze might get an early start on a trip to Rowan county, the baby being left in the bed in its usual health. Shortly after Mr. Freeze returned to the bed for the child and was horrified to find it dead. The child had not suffocated and the cause of its sudden death is unknown. The coroner and county physician were summoned but they saw no reason to hold an inquest and none was held.

Geo. P. Holland, of Philadelphia, the travelling man who was injured in a runaway at Lora a few weeks ago, and has been at Billingsley hospital, will be able to leave for his home within a week or ten days.

B. A. Cowan, who has been agent for the Southern at Marion for some time, has been officially appointed agent at Statesville to succeed W. P. Maher, who has been transferred to Asheville, and will arrive tomorrow to enter upon his new duties. Mr. Cowan is a good railroad man and his friends in railroad circles say that Statesville people will find him an agreeable gentleman to deal with. He is an Irédell man—from the Elmwood community—and "home folks."

The Irédell Association for the extermination of Hawks has been organized with R. V. Brawley secretary and treasurer. The object of this association is to exterminate the hawks in the county to prevent their preying on birds and to further this end a reward of 25 cents will be paid for every hawk scalp delivered to Mr. Brawley. It is a well known fact that hawks destroy more birds than many of the hunters who take chances at birds on the wing.

Sam Carlton, colored, convicted of arson in Irédell Superior Court last week and sentenced to six years in the State prison, and Richard Potts, colored, who submitted to manslaughter—he killed Lon Summers at Elmwood—and was sentenced to 15 years in the State prison, were taken to Raleigh yesterday by Sheriff Deaton to begin their sentences.

Washington Once Gave up

to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from an spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Bucklen's Arnica Salve" completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme. 25c at All druggists.

SERIOUS FIRE.

F. M. Tyack Heavy Loser. Origin of Fire not Definitely Known.

Some time last Wednesday night the large store and dwelling of F. M. Tyack were destroyed by fire. Mr. Tyack lives on the Stoke's Ferry road about ten or twelve miles from Salisbury and conducted a general grocery and merchandise business. He carried a large stock, the amount at the time of the fire being roughly estimated at from seven to eight thousand dollars. As the fire left no clue by which any theories could be formed, the origin of the fire is in doubt, but there is some circumstantial evidence to show that robbery was behind the affair. The day before the fire Mr. Tyack noticed two strangers who loitered around the store a great deal. They were dressed roughly as the average farmer would be when at work in the field, but Mr. Tyack says the strangers did not have the appearance of being farmers or even working men. They purchased lunches at the store, paying for them in pennies, and it will be remembered that the men who recently robbed the store of D. M. Miller, got about ten dollars in pennies, and small coin. During the night Mr. Tyack heard what he thought was a gunshot, but which he now believes was the noise made by robbers in forcing their way into the store with some sort of explosive. The safe had not been opened and about \$400 which had been left in it the evening before was saved. The robbery theory is almost generally believed.

Early on Thursday morning, Mr. Rainey, of the Faith neighborhood, father of L. A. Rainey, of this city, was coming to the city in his wagon when he overtook a stranger whom he offered a ride. The man rode with him to near the Kester Mill, when he got out of the wagon and made off. The man told Mr. Rainey he had been working at Whitney, but had been recently laid off and had been told a day or two ago by Mr. Gillespie that if he would go to Pittsburg he would give him a steady job. The stranger stated that he was trying to get to that place. Mr. Rainey knew there was no work going on at Whitney, and thought the man a rather suspicious character, but at that time he had not heard of the burning of Mr. Tyack's property. Mr. Tyack had several thousand dollars insurance but the exact amount is not known.

The Temperance Wave.

King Canute tried with a broom to brush back the waves from the shore, where his throne had been placed. With equal success, but with more show of temper, the governor of Tennessee tried to prevent the passage of a statewide prohibition law. Tennessee joins North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma in a determination to remove the saloon from debauching the youth and exerting an undue influence in politics.

Even where State prohibition is not popular, the temperance movement grows. Baltimore has 400 fewer saloons than it had one year ago, produced in part by increasing license from \$500 to \$750 and largely by the temperance sentiment. A prominent citizen of Richmond who was in Louisville last week, gave it as his opinion that Richmond would vote out the saloon at the first opportunity. Four counties in Indiana voted on the question of county prohibition on Tuesday, all four voting "dry" by majorities exceeding 1,500. Hamilton county piling up 2,461 against the saloon. Last month three other Indiana counties voted on the question and the saloon was voted out of every one, making seven Indiana counties voting dry. Only eleven out of all the precincts in the seven counties gave a wet majority.—News and Observer.

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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Hopes They Like the Winter Weather. More Old Citizens Come to the Front.

Lexington Dispatch, Feb. 8th.
Those folks who have been sighing for real winter weather got their fill during the past few days. Saturday a cold wind blew and the thermometer went down steadily until by night it was barely 17 degrees above zero. Sunday morning at daybreak it showed 10 degrees. Many water pipes burst, and the ranges in the kitchens of Dr. Riley and Fred Watson "blowed" up when the heat was applied to the water tanks. The boiler in the Baptist church burst. Ice formed at every place possible. Many people missed it by not "cutting off" their water Saturday before dark. Ice formed in the living rooms at many homes. It has been the coldest weather for several years. Following the unseasonable warm weather of the past few weeks, it "hurt."

We knew that there would be response to the challenge in last week's paper to name an older citizen than A. F. Pickett, of Arnold, who is soon to be 90. Knew it because Davidson county is full of old folks, hardy citizens who give old man Time all he is looking for. B. F. Lanier writes that Mr. Clement Lanier was 91 years of age last Sunday. He was born in this county near Siloam church. At 89 he could walk 15 miles in a day. He now lives near the Steep Rock mountain in Emmons township. Mr. Lanier was married twice, is the father of 14 children and grandfather of 58, and is great-grandfather of 87. This strikes us as the record. If it isn't, speak out. It makes a 75-year-old citizen "look like" a barefoot boy.

Everybody, doubtless, is not convinced that the little yellow fleas that bit up the canine population of the town and vicinity was surely mad. Last week two dogs in Tusseytown went mad and were killed, and 17 others that had been penned up since the fleas went through. The dog itself was killed by a man three miles below the county home. It is said he shot it three times and then had to use a rail to finish it. A report is that there have been several mad dogs along the line of Thomasville and Abbots Creek townships. There has been an epidemic of rabies and he who has a dog should keep watch on him. Fortunately no person in this county has been bitten.

Thomasville Man Suicides.

Thomasville was shocked this morning as the news of the death of Addison Cox was spread over the community. Having deliberately taken a pistol, placed it to his head Mr. Cox blew out his brains without any warning to the family or anybody. He had just finished breakfast and as he was leaving the dining room he asked one of the boarders to mail his letters. Going to his wife's room and kissing her and his little child goodbye before leaving the house for his work as he was accustomed to do, he went up-stairs, laid down on the bed on his face, placed a revolver to his right temple and pulled the trigger.

How's This.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.