

## The Asheboro Courier

PRICE ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Wm. C. HAMMER, Editor.

Entered at the Post Office at Asheboro as Second Class Matter.

### RAILROAD PROJECTED.

Local Business Men Interested in a Line Through the Farmer Section.

"I wish we had a railroad" is a common expression from citizens of the Farmer section, and it now appears that the day of a railroad penetrating this one of the richest agricultural sections of Piedmont North Carolina is not far distant.

A movement has been launched for a railroad from Asheboro to Farmer, Rileys Store and later probably to the South Carolina line, opening up valuable agricultural and timber section and also good water powers.

A company of local business men have begun the project and will secure a charter for the proposed road during this session of the legislature, after which the further developments will be made.

### RANDLEMAN ROADS MEETING.

Township Association Hears Interesting Speeches. Much Enthusiasm. Favor County Bonds.

The Good Roads Association of Randleman Township met at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, President Fields in the chair.

After the transaction of routine business interesting speeches were made by several of the members, creating quite a lot of enthusiasm. The people of Randleman Township are almost a unit in favor of a bond issue for the whole county, it being the general opinion that while this township might profit by township bonds, that the whole county should go into this work thereby making good roads for the county at much less expense than by the township plan. It is the earnest wish of this association that a large crowd attend the next county meeting at Asheboro February 4th at 11 o'clock.

J. L. FIELDS, Chairman.  
L. D. MENDENHALL, Sec.

### FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

Will be Manufactured in Asheboro by J. T. Underwood.

J. T. Underwood purchased the store building and lot recently vacated by Rich & Moffitt in South Fayetteville Street and will put up a laboratory for the manufacture of high grade carbonated drinks and flavoring extracts. The property was purchased from Elmer Rich, the transfer being made Tuesday.

Mr. Underwood has arranged for upment and expects to begin in a few weeks.

### Trinity Locals.

The recent snow is the third of the season predicted.

Mrs. W. N. Elder has returned from a visit to Burlington.

Mrs. Gaither Elder, who has been quite ill, is recovered.

Mrs. J. D. Brame returned Saturday from visit to relatives in Winston.

Mrs. Arthur Russell has returned from a visit to Enterprise and Asheboro.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Hargett spent Friday Sabbath with their daughter at the hospital. They found her improving.

The faculty of the High School greatly enjoyed the oyster supper at Parker House on Saturday night.

### Why Not Items.

There are so many cross ties, and so much lumber at Seagraves awaiting cars that it is most impossible to unload a wagon there Lewis Parks, and son, Luther, are sick with fever.

Martin McNeil has accepted a position in store of Keith & Co., at Aberdeen, and will move his family there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Poter, of Greensboro, spending some time at Mr. A. King's.

Miss Bertha Luck, of White House, is visiting at D. A. Cornelison's.

Miss Emma Leach, of Lassiter, Messrs. R. Redding and Earle B. Boroughs, of Asheboro, and Harris Birkhead have recently arrived at school here.

### Slack-Hammer

Miss Mattie Hammer and Mr. Hugh Slack were united in the bonds of matrimony last Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Belle Ark.

After the ceremony they set to the bride's father's Mr. G. Hammer, and enjoyed a delicious dinner. Among those who witnessed the ceremony were E. F. Vestal; Ivin Vestal and sisters, Misses Little, Annie and Etta; Misses Eller, and Fletta Brown. Cousin Cox and Clyde Lowdermilk.

### Asheboro Circuit Appointments.

The Asheboro circuit M. E. church, appointments for the month of February will be the same as in January. First Sunday, Feb. 11 a. m.; Old Union, 3 p. m. Asheville at night. Second Sunday, Feb. 18 a. m. Union. Third Sunday, Shepherd 11 a. m. West Chapel 3 p. m. Great Falls at night. Fourth Sunday, Feb. 25 a. m. Central at night.

R. L. MALTON, pastor.

### SOCIETY AT RAMSEUR.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Tate Hospitably Entertained a Host of Friends.

The social whirl of Ramseur was never more manifest than at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Tate last Saturday evening.

The guests were already assembling at 8:30; ere long the parlors would be animated by all that the beauty of fair women may excite. Ramseur is noted, and not wholly either, from her mills and factories; and it is this matter of note which alone serves well to keep her in sweet thrall, the restless spirit of her Don Juans. The west may be robbed, yet our graceful Duennas patriotically smile, and let the crisis of the emigration fever arrive, the patient recover, and stay in Ramseur.

We noted with interest the presence of several strangers, and among our to-rifolk were Mrs. W. H. Watkins, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Watkins Sr., Misses Lena Smith, Dail Whitehead, Mabel Horne, Florence Luther, Annie Scott, Annie Black, Blanche Corington, Sallie Frost, Maude Curtis, Sallie Thomas, and Mrs. Lela Thomas. The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Moore, Pickett Turner, John Parks, Eugene Marley, Charles McCandless, James Lambert, J. Brown, E. Johnson, Amick Thomas, and Henry Kinney.

Under the pleasing effects of sublimed light shades, surrounded with flowers and ferns, our evening sped as if on pinions borne, by music. In an adjoining parlor, some of the guests, interested in certain phases of the occult, were invoking the mystic, and were leading the subject to some hidden key, ring, or photo. Ann Jacobs and Rachel played a Will-o'-the-Wisp, phantoms behind blindfolded eyes—a game doubtless symbolical of many similar games played by real Racheels and Jacobs in less festive surroundings, yet doubtless, more successfully.

Later events of the evening revealed the dominating influence of our hostess, still more clearly, in tasteful table decorations. It was lavish in its display of sweetmeats and ferns made pretty settings for the dishes of deserts, fruits cakes that would have made Scrooge's heart soften if he had been a witness to its confidant cheer.

We had begun to live down our childhood tastes for sweets, so we thought before we entered. But in ourselves we provided a big argument for "more," for our acts argue for us. Others there were who took our side of the argument in favor of such delicacies and all partook heartily.

Yet, with all that is said, we feel that the kindly hospitality of our worthy host and hostess is likely to be remembered longer than all else of the evening's charms.

CHAS. E. MCCANDLESS.

### FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

Barn Burned—Birthday Dinner—Per sonals.

The barn of Mrs. Corinna Kennedy, a widow lady at this place, was burned one day last week together with a horse, a young male, a cow and feed stuff. The loss is estimated at \$500.

The parents of H. M. Cranford gave him a delightful "turkey dinner" last Sunday. Those invited were Mr. G. B. Sloan, of High Point; Miss Mable Barber, of Danville, Va.; Messrs. Leon Kerkens, W. C. Massey, Jack Pybus, Jim and Clyde Lowe, Miss Myrtle Spoon and brother, Malcolm, of Archdale. Misses Annie Ashby, Nell and Adeline Hill, of Trinity.

The families of Messrs. Harry Winslow and Rudson Ingram are suffering with influenza.

Mrs. Jennie York, who has been very sick for some time does not improve.

The smallpox scare has turned out to be chicken pox.

### SALISBURY LADY IN PRINT.

Washington Times Prints Picture of Mrs. Maria Mertz, Denominating Her Tiniest in the World.

The Washington Times last week had a picture of Mrs. Maria Mertz, whom it denominated the tiniest woman in the world. Standing by Mrs. Mertz was a citizen of ordinary height to whom Mrs. Mertz was less than waist high. Mrs. Mertz and Miss Leona Murphy went to Washington this week and while Miss Murphy is selecting her millinery stock, Mrs. Mertz is selling some doll baby hats of her own creation and later will be placed in some of the large stores, where she will put on the market the products of her clever needle work.—Salisbury Post.

### Interesting Canadian Paper.

The Courier is in receipt of a handsomely illustrated special number of the Standard, published at Montreal, Canada, which presents the progress being made in the municipal development. Referring pathetically to the destruction of the historic landmarks the writer speaks feelingly of the St. Lawrence Hall, and the fact that this building was the headquarters of Jefferson Davis, the late President of the Confederacy; Brigadier Law, nephew of Gen. R. E. Lee, and others of the Confederacy. A portrait of President and Mrs. Davis, taken while in Canada, is an interesting one of the illustrations to the South.

The Manchester Cotton Mills were sold last Friday, and purchased by W. G. Robertson, of Cameron. The mills are twelve miles from Fayetteville.

## CONDENSED NEWS BUSY READERS.

The United States government has condemned and chosen the Hellig site on Inbiss and Church streets for the new Public Building at Statesville.

A Young Men's Business Association of Reidsville, has been chartered by the Secretary of State.

Danna Richardson committed suicide at High Point last week because of her inability to comply with her request.

The man Hartness, who surrendered to Stamford officers, pleading guilty of horse stealing in Iredell, has been released, there being no charge against him in Iredell. Hartness has returned to his home in peace.

Gov. Glenn has written Frank Robinson, the negro condemned to death at Greensboro, that he will not interfere with his execution. February 8th is the day set.

Senator Russell Alger, of Michigan, died at his residence in Washington Thursday. He was only a few hours, suffering from pneumonia of the lung.

The Raleigh Aldermen are considering a \$100,000 bond issue for improvements on municipal buildings.

Robt. W. Jones, second son of Rev. Sam P. Jones, died at his home at Cartersville, Ga., Saturday, after a brief illness with pneumonia.

A Dispatch from Norfolk says the last anchor and chain of the Confederate iron clad Merrimac was recovered from the bottom of Hampton Roads last week.

The building used for insane of the alms house at Elizabeth City, was burned last Thursday. A young white man and a colored woman, both insane, were burned to death.

Little Nannie Lee, pretty child of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Patterson, was seriously burned by falling into the fire Friday at Concord.

South Carolina has won the American agricultural prize for the largest yield of corn on one acre in the United States. A. J. Tindal, of Clarendon county, being the winner with 182 bushels.

Lexington Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., has reorganized with Geo. W. Montcastle as chancellor commander.

Henry A. McLelland, aged 53 years, of Concord township, Iredell county, died last week. He was a prosperous farmer and a member of the firm of McLelland Bros. cotton buyers and gunners.

While handling an axe, Glean, the small child of D. W. Turner, of Smiths Ford, accidentally cut three of his fingers very badly, almost covering one from the hand. His parents fear amputation will yet be necessary.—Staudy Enterprise.

Twenty people were killed in a mine at Trinidad, Col., last week by an explosion. Most of them were Italians.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the colored A. & M. College, at Greensboro, \$10,000 for a library building. It is probable that it will be accepted, the city paying \$500 annually to maintain it and the college paying the other \$500.

Congressman W. W. Kitchen, of Roxboro, announced to friends at Durham Saturday, his intention of entering the race for Governor in the next campaign. This announcement disclosed the fact that Solicitor A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, has his eye on Congress as successor to Mr. Kitchen.

Opie Reid, dramatist, novelist, lecturer, and journalist, will appear in the West Market lyceum course at Greensboro, Monday, Feb. 18th.

Reidsville recently organized a Young Men's Business Association to promote the commercial interests of the town. Their first meeting was consumed by the discussion of three propositions from foreign capital to locate a chair factory, overall factory and a bleachery there. Also it was announced that Reidsville would donate a site for Sharpe's Institute recently burned, and located in the country, if Prof. Sharpe would consent to move to town.

Jas T. Cowan, who for years drew money from many people in Iredell county, to push a proceeding to secure an alleged estate worth millions of dollars in New York for the heirs, shot himself at Dallas, Tex., one day last week. The estate proved a myth and Cowan was soon to be tried for using the mail to defraud.

## IF YOU TOUCH your tongue to ALUM

and look in the glass—you will see the effect—You can't help puckering—it makes you pucker to think of tasting it.

By the use of so called cheap Baking Powders you take this puckering, injurious Alum right into your system—you injure digestion, and ruin your stomach.

### AVOID ALUM

Say plainly—

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Royal is made from pure, refined Grape Cream of Tartar—Costs more than Alum but you have the profit of quality, the profit of good health.



### W. P. Fife, Noted Evangelist, Dead.

Mr. W. P. Fife, who for several years was well known throughout the country for his evangelistic work, died suddenly in the St. James Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., on the 27th.

Mr. Fife was in the hotel lobby chatting with some friends when he suddenly became very ill and soon lost consciousness. Physical aid was summoned, but Mr. Fife died shortly after a physician reached him who said the death was probably due to an attack of the heart.

Mr. Fife was born about fifty years ago in Newbern; he married Miss Whitford, a daughter of Col. John D. Whitford also of Newbern. He is survived by his wife and two children, Miss Elmer Fife, of Thomasville, N. C. and Mr. W. P. Fife Jr., who at the time of his father's death was in Denver, Col.

For a number of years Mr. Fife was a successful tobacco drummer traveling for several factories in North Carolina. About 20 years ago he was converted at a meeting in Charlotte, held by the Rev. G. W. Pearson, later he took up evangelistic work and conducted revival meetings throughout this and other states.

Owing to trouble with his throat Mr. Fife gave up preaching and invested in the Beaumont region of Texas, which had then just sprung into fame, and later invested in Western mining stocks, becoming associated with the Great Western Oil Refining and Pipe Line Company, and the Great Western Gold Mining Company, having offices in the Missouri Trust Building, in St. Louis.

It is said that Mr. Fife had been successful in his speculation, perhaps having accumulated a quarter of a million dollars in the last two years. It is probable that his remains will be brought to North Carolina for burial.

### Asheboro, R. F. D. 1.

Misses Ellie and Vela Brown visited at the home of A. C. Cox Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Willie Spoon and family visited Mr. Daniel Spoon Saturday night.

The fact was just developed that influential Hebrew citizens, of New York City, have secured the passage of a bill prohibiting of use certain portions of the Bible, referring to Jesus, in the schools. Much indignation has been expressed and many hotels have publicly said in their bouche that the "ill-brewed patridge is not desired."

The fact was just developed that influential Hebrew citizens, of New York City, have secured the passage of a bill prohibiting of use certain portions of the Bible, referring to Jesus, in the schools. Much indignation has been expressed and many hotels have publicly said in their bouche that the "ill-brewed patridge is not desired."



## HIGH POINT BUGGIES Are THE Best.

We also handle J. I. Nissen Wagons, Johnston Harvesting Machinery, Mowers, Stoves, Ranges, Mill Supplies, all kinds of Hardware.

Lewis & Winslow Hardware Company.

## For Twenty-one Years

## Royster's Fertilizers



have been the standard because they are made from honest materials. See that the trade mark is on every bag. None genuine without it.

F. S. ROYSTER GUANO CO., Norfolk, Va.