

THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE.

LEXINGTON CONTINUES TO GROW.

More Dwelling Houses Built in Past Five Months Than in Five Years Previous.

The town of Lexington continues to go forward. A Dispatch man drove out for a short time Monday afternoon and counted sixteen new dwelling houses in course of erection, and many others that have just been completed. It is a fact that there have been more dwelling houses erected here within the past year than in five years previous. Many of them are handsome and costly residences, too. For instance, Mr. W. G. Penry's new home is a beauty, and so is Mr. Emery E. Raper's. Mr. W. E. Conrad is just finishing a handsome home and Mr. J. L. Michael, Mr. A. E. Sheets, and possibly a dozen other citizens are preparing to build.

And yet with all the new building the supply of dwelling houses is not adequate to the demand and many families would come to Lexington at once could they procure homes in which to live.

One of the most favorable indications of the prosperity of the town is shown by the desire of the working people to own their own home. Many of these have purchased sites and are now possessors of a neat residence. This is a good sign. Others want to build, but can't secure lots at a reasonable figure. Our property owners should think over this carefully and keep their real estate within the bounds of reason. Lexington now has a glorious opportunity to continue to expand and go forward. Don't choke this growth by placing the prices of lots far beyond their actual value. Many a good town has been killed by this one thing alone.

White Hearing Postponed.

Salisbury, Sept. 19.—The hearing this morning before Judge Brown on a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Thomas J. and Chalmers L. White, who killed Russell Sherrill, the seducer of their niece, at Mt. Ulla Thursday morning, was adjourned, at the request of the State, to next Saturday, when it will be held in the court house here at 10 o'clock. Dr. George Brown, of Mt. Ulla, stated to the court that Mrs. Josephine Sherrill, the mother of the deceased and the principal State's witness, is now so weak from nervous prostration following her terrible experience in seeing her son killed, that it would be impossible for her to appear and testify within a shorter time than within five or six days. Dr. Brown stated that the unfortunate lady was in such a weak condition that she had to be held up while she signed the examination taken by the coroner. The court house was filled, floor and galleries, with an intensely interested crowd of people during the few minutes the hearing lasted. Between 50 and 60 Concord people came up for the event. They stood ready to give bail for their townsmen in any required amount. R. Lee Wright, Esq., has been retained as additional counsel for the defense, and L. H. Clement, Esq., for the prosecution. Both sides express the wish that the matter be allowed to rest until the hearing next Saturday, when all the essential facts will be fully brought out.

The following statement is given out as coming from the mother of young Sherrill:

"Mrs. A. E. Sherrill, the mother of Russell, was a witness to the tragedy. She states that when the two Whites called for Russell she aroused him and he came down in his night clothes, having only taken time to slip on a pair of trousers. She says the two men told him he must marry Miss Annie, and must do it at once. Russell declared his readiness to do this and asked that they permit him to go back to his room and put on the rest of his clothes. The Whites insisted that he go with them just as he was. Sherrill refused to do this, declaring that he would die first, and then he was killed."

WIDE OPEN BLIND TIGER.

These Persons Care Nothing for Law, Order or Decency, and are Unmolested.

For the past two weeks, and possibly longer, a wide open grog shop has been conducted just outside the corporate limits of the town and only a short distance from Lexington cemetery. Liquor is sold openly by the drink, pint, quart or gallon and everybody who "knows the ropes" at all can be supplied. There are said to be three separate paths through Lexington cemetery leading to the resort where liquor is sold and parties are seen traversing these paths at all hours, day and night. Sunday is an especially busy day and a gentleman who stood in his yard a half hour last Sabbath morning counted no less than a half dozen different persons go in and out of the house referred to. One man who went to the house was apparently sober when he went in; when he came out the side-walk was hardly large enough for him to walk. Another man, a negro this time, returned from the direction of the cemetery Saturday afternoon; coming up street he sat down beside a store and in a few moments toppled to the ground, dead drunk and asleep. His face was badly skinned, but the fall aroused him sufficiently to cause him to shuffle off to his home before an officer arrived. Citizens who live near the liquor den say it is a perfect nuisance but—here's the rub—none of them have so far shown sufficient interest towards securing an abatement of the nuisance by swearing out a warrant against the parties who are violating the law.

The president of the Davidson county branch of the anti-saloon league lives almost within sight of the place where the liquor is sold. He is usually very alert in trying to repress such business, but, so far as we know, has done nothing in this case. Possibly he hasn't heard of it. The names of the parties who are supposed to be selling the liquor is Will Towe or his wife, probably both. Anyway they occupy the house from where the drunks come. As for witnesses, possibly the good people residing in that community might be induced to supply a few names. Towe has served a term on the chain gang for retailing, and his wife is now under indictment for selling liquor, the grand jury having found a true bill against her at last term of court.

And Will Towe's is not the only place near Lexington where liquor can be purchased.

Two Horses Stolen.

Asheboro, Sept. 20th.—At Greensboro yesterday, Mr. E. G. Morris, of this place, bought four horses and a new Hampton hack and started them to Asheboro in charge of a colored driver. The driver stopped on the way and took up camp. During the night some person or persons frightened the horses hitched in the rear of the hack and caused two of them to break loose, and run away. The negro went in search of them, and on his return found that the halters which fastened the two hitched to the hack had been cut, and they were gone. The two stolen were gray mares.

A Good Entrance to College for Graduates.

The school courses at Bingham near Mebane are so arranged as to meet the requirements of Southern colleges, and thus a good entrance to the universities is offered the graduate of this famous school. The catalogue is handsome and beautiful, gives full information, and may be obtained by dropping a postal card to Principal Gray, Mebane, N. C.

The Sun says the operation performed on Capt. E. W. Koons for appendicitis at the Salisbury sanitarium on Wednesday of last week was entirely successful and that Mr. Koons is rapidly recovering.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS PROMISED

Southern Railway Officials Visit Lexington and Will Make Decided Improvements at Depot Yard.

The usual annual inspection of the Southern Railway by the General Management took place at Lexington on Friday, September 18th. The party consisted of General Manager C. H. Ackert, General Superintendent S. J. Collins, Resident Engineer H. L. Fry, and Trainmaster C. S. Lake. After the usual and customary inspection of the station grounds and premises, the proposed improvements to yard and station were gone over. It was decided to fill in on both sides of the station to give room for at least fifteen more cars to be unloaded on the yard, which was the object sought for by the delegation of business men from this place to the superintendent some months ago. Work on the improvement commenced within one hour after its approval and has given great satisfaction to the business public.

Other contemplated improvements are a passing track at the station. The grade crossing is to be replaced by one under grade, running from corner of Depot street under the track nearly opposite the office of the Elk Furniture factory.

A telegraph signal tower will be built south of the depot and the operators will be moved to this point of vantage, giving them clear command of the track in both directions.

A new house track will be run in the rear of the depot building. The depot platform is to be extended, a new baggage room will be built and several other improvements will be entered into that are requested and made necessary by the business interests of this growing town.

Something is Needed.

The Greensboro Telegram says "a persistent effort is being made by the postal clerks between Greensboro and Atlanta to secure an extra crew of clerks so as the men can have a longer time in Atlanta to rest and get up on their distribution of the mail. The clerks contend that the service, as it is conducted at the present time on this run, is entirely too great a strain on the men's physical endurance. They say the men are kept in such poor physical condition that they cannot do the work assigned to them without ruining their health. One plea being made for the extra service is, that it would not relieve the mail clerks to a great extent, but the public in general would be benefitted. The benefit to the public, the men say, would be derived from the fact that the mails would be worked by men who have plenty of time to get up on their distribution, thus avoiding many errors and delays and that the clerks would also be better fitted to work the heavy mail they often have to handle."

There is no doubt but that something is needed, and badly so, to facilitate the present manner of handling the mail. There has been more complaint received at The Dispatch office within the past few months about the failure of our patrons to receive their paper on time, than ever before in the history of The Dispatch. Patrons at Linwood, Tyro, Jubilee and other offices within a few miles of Lexington say they very frequently do not receive The Dispatch until Saturday and sometimes not until Monday, whereas each and every subscriber at these offices should get the paper every Thursday morning. We trust the extra crew will be put on, or at least that there may be an improvement over the present way of handling mail.

The largest school building in the world was opened in New York city recently. It is a public school, covers an entire city block, is five stories high and has sittings for 5,000 children.

Have you paid for The Dispatch?

CO-OPERATIVE STORE COMPANY.

Officers and Directors Elected Last Night.

The Co-Operative Store Company, of Lexington, with capital stock of \$1,000, which may be increased to \$25,000 was incorporated by the Secretary of State last Saturday. The incorporators are R. L. Burkhead, W. H. Walker, J. W. Crowell and D. F. Conrad, all of Lexington.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Co-Operative Store Company was held in the court house on last Tuesday night. The meeting was for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization, reading of the charter, &c. The meeting was called to order by Mr. D. F. Conrad who requested Mr. W. D. Jones, Jr., to act as chairman and Fred O. Sink, secy. After stating object of the meeting, the chairman announced that the election of officers was in order and the following were elected by a majority vote:

President—J. W. Crowell. Vice President—L. L. Barbee. Temporary treasurer—W. H. Walker.

Directors—D. F. Conrad, L. L. Barbee, A. L. Pickard, W. H. Walker, W. L. Harbin, Fred O. Sink, B. M. Allred, J. C. Parker, D. C. Hayes.

A by-law committee consisting of L. L. Barbee, W. H. Walker and W. D. Jones, Jr., was elected to draw up suitable by-laws and constitution and present same to a future meeting for approval.

It was ordered that the first payment of one share each be made on or before September 1st.

The directors of the company will hold a meeting at an early date, elect a manager, select a suitable place for carrying on the business, etc., and it is hoped to have everything in readiness to begin business early in October.

SKULL CRUSHED BY A FALL.

Two Mules Turn Over a Wagon and Henry Cecil is Seriously Hurt.

Mr. Henry L. Cecil was thrown from a wagon loaded with lumber on Thursday afternoon of last week and received serious and possibly fatal injuries. The accident occurred at a branch at the foot of what is known as the Cecil hill, on Center street, and was caused by a team of mules becoming frightened and overturning the wagon. Mr. Cecil was thrown from the wagon, his head striking a rock and fracturing his skull. One of the wheels of the wagon also ran over his head. The young man was in an unconscious condition for many hours. He is very seriously hurt, but his physicians think he will recover.

Protracted Services.

A series of protracted services will begin at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and continue eight days. Preaching by the pastor Sunday morning and evening, and by Rev. R. G. McLees, of Greenwood, S. C., from Monday till the close of the meeting. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to the members of our sister churches and to those who are not members of any church to unite with us in these services.

J. H. GREY, Pastor.

A special to the Charlotte Observer says a freight train on the Seaboard Air Line ran into the rear end of another in the yard at Henderson Saturday night, killing W. S. Brown, bridge foreman, and splintering and burning two cars of cotton. A coroner's inquest was held Sunday afternoon and a verdict rendered to the effect that W. S. Brown came to his death through the negligence of the engineer running the second section of the train.

Parties desiring mining bonds can be supplied at this office. A new lot of blanks have just been printed.

BOY SAVES TRAIN.

Found Rail Broken and Flagged Train with Hat.

The presence of mind of a small boy Monday saved train No. 97, the Southern's fast mail, from what might have proved a disastrous wreck. The affair happened just north of Danville. No. 97 was dashing along at a high rate of speed when the engineer saw a small boy standing some distance down the track frantically waving his hat. The engineer at once applied the air and stopped the train. Upon examination it was found that one of the heavy iron rails of the track was broken. The little boy was walking along the track and noticed the broken rail. About that time he heard the approaching train and had presence of mind enough to wave it down. After about an hour's delay the train proceeded on its way south.

A SPECIAL NOTICE.

Of Interest to Certain Delinquent Subscribers.

The Dispatch is carrying a number of subscribers on its books who are in arrears to this paper for a year or more subscription. Within the next few days we will mail a statement to all persons who are so indebted and respectfully insist upon a prompt response, accompanied by a remittance, to these statements.

The accounts of all who fail to make satisfactory settlement at this office will be immediately placed in the hands of a collection agency, with instructions to COLLECT. This agency is backed by able attorneys and they will use all legal methods to secure a settlement, and this, of course, means considerable annoyance, unpleasant notoriety and additional costs to those whose names are furnished the agency.

We regret to be forced to take this method of collecting, but we have several subscribers who seem to be constitutionally opposed to paying for their paper, and we are going to test the "constitutionality of this opposition."

Don't dilly-dally over this matter any longer. If you subscribed for the paper and haven't paid for it, then you are as much indebted to us as you would be to a grocery store or any other business house where you secure credit by promising to pay at no distant date.

Rev. Miller Goes to Spencer.

Rev. C. Luther Miller has accepted a call to become pastor of the Lutheran churches in Spencer and Chestnut Hill, near Salisbury, and will take charge of his new work October 1st. These are the churches that Rev. E. P. Conrad, of this county, has supplied during his summer vacation.

Rev. Miller has been pastor of the Lutheran churches at Pilgrim and Holly Grove for the past five and a half years. His friends and congregations regret his departure. It is not known who will be his successor at these churches.

Let the Birds Alone.

The Audubon law passed by the last Legislature for the protection of birds is very strict and people who disregard it are getting into trouble. Some days ago Mr. Geo. W. Anthony, a prominent citizen of Alamance county, saw a lot of swallows take refuge in a chimney during a storm. He covered the top of the chimney with a wire screen and then set straw afire in the fire place. In a few moments 246 birds had been killed. The occurrence was published in the newspapers as an interesting piece of news. A game warden—one of the fellows appointed to look after the enforcement of the Audubon law—dropped over into Alamance, hailed Mr. Anthony before a squire and had him bound over to court under a bond of \$100. Better let the birds alone if you don't want to get into trouble.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sheriff and Mrs. T. F. S. Dorsett returned Saturday night from Moore's Springs.

Mr. J. Ritz, of New York, arrived last Friday and is visiting Capt. S. S. Brown, of Cid.

Messrs. J. W. Fitzgerald and L. V. Phillips, of Linwood, were here Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Hunt and little son, left Monday morning for Enfield to visit her sister, Mrs. Whitaker.

Prof. and Mrs. R. N. Hadley spent the day here Sunday and left that night for their home, Lake City, Fla.

Mrs. E. C. Koons and little daughter left Monday for Salisbury to visit Capt. E. W. Koons, who is ill with appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hege and little son, Allen, returned Friday night from a very pleasant stay of ten days at Moore's Springs.

Mr. James H. Alexander and bride spent Friday here visiting friends. They left Saturday morning for Reidsville, their future home.

Mr. T. L. Moore, who has been confined to his room for the past two weeks, suffering with malarial fever, is improving, we are glad to learn.

Mrs. T. L. Moore returned home Thursday night from a three weeks stay in northern cities, where she has been purchasing goods and studying the fall and winter millinery styles.

Mr. F. W. Siebert, who has been here for several weeks in the interest of the new water works plant, went to New York City Friday on business. He will be absent two weeks or more.

Mr. Gilmer Heitman, of Fort Myers, Fla., who has been visiting his mother at this place for some time, went to New York and Baltimore Monday morning. He will stop over here a few days before returning to Florida.

Mr. H. W. Dorsatt, Jr., who has been ill at the home of his father, Dr. H. W. Dorsett, of Bethany, for the past week, was here Sunday. Wood has been threatened with fever. His many friends will be glad to know he is much better now.

Mrs. Amanda Davis is home from northern markets, where she has been for several weeks buying millinery for her fall and winter trade. Miss Lena Grimes accompanied Mrs. Davis on her trip north. They returned Thursday night.

Capt. R. F. Shirley and family arrived here last Thursday morning from Virginia and will spend the winter at Silver Hill. Capt. Shirley is a miner and has been living in Virginia for eight years. He has been superintendent of the Delton mines, owned by the Bertha Mineral Co., for the past four years.

Mr. W. H. McDonald, of the Merchant's National Bank of Baltimore, is here for the purpose of temporarily relieving Mr. R. L. Burkhead, cashier of the National Bank of Lexington. Mr. Burkhead has been in very bad health for several weeks and will take a vacation and endeavor to get well.

Mr. E. H. Dickens, who is employed at the Iola mine, Montgomery county, was here Monday en route back to his work from Silver Hill, where he spent Sunday with his family. Mr. Dickens says the Iola mine continues to yield some exceptionally fine gold; that he has been engaged in the mining business for years, but that the Iola is the richest mine he ever worked in.

Rev. J. A. Young was in to see us Monday. Mr. Young tells us they have been experiencing a wonderful revival in religious matters in his community. At the recent series of meetings at Shiloh Methodist Protestant church there were eighty-two converts, and of this number 42 have joined the church. Four of these were baptized by immersion last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Moton.