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DISASTROUS FIRE.

Crawford-McGriff Grocery Company Sustains Very Heavy Loss—Their Damage \$18,000.

The stock of the Crawford-McGriff Grocery Company, wholesale grocers, and the building occupied by them, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire was discovered shortly after ten o'clock in the oil room in the basement and the alarm was given immediately. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save anything in that part of the building.

Hundreds of eager volunteers swarmed into the building and worked manfully to save the stock and a large amount of stuff in bags, chickens, rice, salt, etc., was saved. A great deal of barrelled stuff, such as vinegar and molasses, was rolled out of the path of the flames and a big stack of case goods was hauled out. An adding machine, type-writer, desks, and other office equipment, were carried out undamaged.

The stock of goods, according to a recent inventory, was worth more than \$18,000. It is understood that the company carried insurance for \$11,000 or \$12,000. The building was the property of Messrs. Dermot Shonwell and J. E. Foy and is almost totally destroyed.

The loss falls heavily on the Crawford-McGriff Company, and they have the sympathy of the community. Mr. W. L. Crawford, senior member of the firm, and Mr. M. T. McGriff, both of whom came to Lexington a few months ago from Alabama, stand very high here. They have made friends very rapidly both in a business and in a social way. Their trade has been growing rapidly from the beginning. It is to be hoped that they will be able to resume business in a few weeks.

Business News Notes.

The Bank of Lexington ad is worth reading, every word of it. Note the moving sale ad of the D. A. Co. of Denton.

The Elk Furniture Co. wants to buy lumber. See their ad.

Rexall toilet preparations are standard. Note the ad of the Lexington Drug Company's ad.

The J. B. Smith Company devote their space this week to Nyal's famous oil liver compound. Read it.

Mr. E. H. C. Field, of High Point, offers 66 horses, mares and mules at auction Sept. 27. Read his ad.

The Fred Thompson Co. talks of women's clothes. Read their big ad in this issue.

House for sale. See J. G. Waler's ad.

W. F. Lopp advertises this week his fine line of shoes for men, women and children, his coats and suits for men, women and boys' clothing. The prices are worth noting.

The Manning Hardware Co. makes a special offer this week. Read it right now. The Wizard Map is a labor-saver.

The W. G. Penry Co. draws a distinction between clothes that are "Ready Made" and clothes that are "Made to Order." They are talking about High Art clothes. Read the ad.

Propose High Honor for Lexington Citizen.

The Davidsonian proposes a high honor for Mr. W. O. Burghin, formerly a citizen of TTTTT, now a prominent attorney of this city. The Davidsonian says:

"Everybody's Day" is to be the biggest thing ever attempted in Thomasville, and this statement is made with a full realization that many big things have been attempted and done in Thomasville. But this time we are to eclipse all past efforts. When "Everybody's Day" was planned by Mr. W. O. Burghin five years ago a great move was made. Mr. Burghin bulldozed better than he knew, and to him a large part of the credit is due for the celebration we have had each year since he started the "Big Day." It would be very appropriate, then, to give Mr. Burghin, now a citizen of Lexington, to come to Thomasville Oct. 4th, and head the parade with Mayor Hoover.

Hard Water Not Detrimental to Health.

Harking back to Lexington's water supply, which, as The Dispatch has stated frequently, is the best in the land, Superintendent L. R. Hunt of the water and light departments, would have the people of Lexington know that the "hardness" complained of in the water, is no detriment to health. The State and Gas Review, the leading publication of its kind in the country, asserts quite positively that "there are no statistical data to prove that in general the hardness of a water has any clearly defined effect one way or the other on the public health." The Journal states that a traveler may suffer some discomfort from a sudden change from soft to very hard water but "the effect of hard waters is really restricted to simple gastric and intestinal disturbances, which are temporary only in their effect."

Aves' 2900 Whiskey Prescriptions Filled in Concord.

The Concord Tribune says: Spiritism's triumph came into its own as a medicine in Concord last month, the local physician depended upon by the curative powers in the largest number of cases on record here in any month. The task of separating all of the prescriptions has not been completed but Chief of Police Boger states that the number will reach 1,800 to 2,000. They will range in quantity from a half pint to a quart. One drug store filled 1,210, the largest number ever filled by a single drug store. In speaking of the prescriptions, Mayor Hartman recently stated that heretofore he was going to have the prescriptions separated and each physician's numbered and have the list published monthly. City Attorney Moore has also given the matter attention, sending a letter to every physician in the county containing a section of the law governing the giving of prescriptions. The law holds that it is unlawful for a physician to give a prescription for vision or walk to anyone other than his regular patients.

CIRCUS VANGUARD ARRIVES.

Battalion of the Downie & Wheeler Shows Decorate Town With Picturesque Posters.

One of the pleasant things for a newspaper is the announcement of a first class circus coming and this we have the pleasure of doing for the Number One Advance Car of the Downie & Wheeler Shows was in the city Monday and the small army of men in white overalls and jumpers passed every billboard, dead wall and available barn in and about Lexington with flashing posters of wild animals, pretty ladies, high spirited horses, wonderful trained ponies, athletic men and goodness knows what all. The kiddies are thrilled with joy and the "grownups" gaze at the pictures and remember their happiest moments of their happy childhood days. Baseball is a national sport but the circus is the national amusement and it will never grow wearisome as long as managers and special agents scour every corner of the globe for new and strange beasts and snappy death defying acts.

The Downie & Wheeler Shows have grown large through sheer merit and the everlasting diligence of the management. Every act must stand the most critical test and each performer, musician, actor or stunts must be a lady or gentleman under all circumstances or seek employment elsewhere. This is an iron clad rule with the Downie and Wheeler Shows and it is this feature they attribute the greater part of their wonderful success.

We will publish further details and all we care to say now is for the "kiddies" to arrange to go to the show and make the management proud that the statement "there is nothing new under the sun," is untrue. The date for the exhibition here is Friday, Oct. 3rd. Be a child again and enjoy the day from the arrival of the first train to the loading of the last baggage horse at night for circuses do not come every day and a good one like this is not to be missed.

Devlin Appointed Judge.

W. A. Devlin of Oxford was commissioned Saturday by Governor Craig as superior court judge in the tenth judicial district to succeed Judge H. E. Furbush of Durham, who resigned on account of poor health. Judge Devlin convoked his first court in Durham county Monday.

A number of the friends of Hon. S. M. Gattis of Orange county went to Raleigh Saturday morning to make a special plea for his appointment, but the telegram notifying Mr. Devlin of his appointment was being sent from the Governor's office when they arrived.

Judge Devlin is 35 years old, a member of the law firm of Graham & Devlin, Oxford, has served two terms in the legislature and is now chairman of important committees and a member of the constitution commission and amendments. His acceptance of the judgeship necessitates his resignation from the legislature and there is no time for the election of a successor for the impending special session. He has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to George W. Connor as speaker of the house.

Jim McClure Taken to the Penitentiary.

Jim McClure, the negro who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Robt. L. Bain at Pomona last August, was taken to the state penitentiary Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff W. J. Weatherly. He will remain there until the December term of criminal court when he will be brought back to Greensboro to be tried for his life. McClure was taken away by order of Judge T. J. Shaw, the order being given about an hour before time for the Raleigh train to leave, the decision to take the negro away coming after the trial had been continued from last week to the next term of court, and after the negro's attorney, S. Clay Williams, had suggested to the judge the advisability of the precaution of removing the negro. So far as is known there were no reports or indications that dire results would follow or that anything unlawful would be attempted toward the prisoner, but as a precaution it was believed best to keep the negro in the penitentiary.

The Elks at Home.

High Point Lodge No. 1155, B. P. O. Elks will have the formal opening of its splendid new home Oct. 3rd, which will be a great event for this progressive order in High Point, which believes in doing things. The building is one of the best in the state, an imposing structure, conveniently arranged and handsomely furnished and equipped. The following committees have been named for the occasion: Reception Committee—Geo. A. Mattson, chairman; A. Lyon, O. E. Wilson, W. W. Bradshaw, L. C. Sinclair, R. A. Wheeler, C. F. Tomlinson, C. M. Hanner, Abram Cook, J. W. Harris, B. H. Bradner, T. J. Gold, J. B. Rector and O. A. Kirkman; Refreshment Committee—P. P. Ingram, chairman; P. L. Payne, W. G. Burnett, J. Lewis Woodson and E. W. Fries; Music Committee—C. D. Smith, chairman; D. H. Hall and B. B. White, Jr.; Invitations Committee—Dr. F. E. Perkins, chairman; J. E. Kirkman, and V. A. J. Idol—High Point Review.

Mother Killed by Insane Daughter.

A Statesville dispatch of the 19th, says: News of a distressing death in Alexander county this week reached Statesville. Some time ago a daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Holder of Gwaltney township, Alexander county, became deranged and unmanageable. In a struggle with her mother the girl attempted to strike her mother with a table fork, striking the fork in her mother's knee. The wound made by the fork became infected and gradually grew worse until Mrs. Holder died this week as a result of the injury. The young woman who unknowningly abused and injured her mother has been sent to the state hospital for the insane at Morganton.

WILL GET THE MONEY.

\$10,000 Federal Appropriation Will Be Spent in Davidson—Townships Will Put Up \$20,000.

There was a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting in the court house Monday night for the purpose of deciding whether Davidson county would take the \$10,000 federal appropriation for road-building or let it go to some other county. Thomasville and Lexington townships were well represented. Dr. J. H. Mook and Mr. F. H. Lambeth coming over to represent Thomasville.

There was a long and earnest discussion of ways and means of raising the money and a plan was worked out that will result in the expenditure of Uncle Sam's money on the Central highway, running through Thomasville, Lexington, Tyro and Boone townships, from the Guilford to the Rowan county line. Uncle Sam requires that the townships receiving aid contribute just twice as much as he gives and that means that \$30,000 will be spent on the miles of the Central Highway in Davidson county.

It is estimated that \$1,000 per mile will build the road all the way. Thomasville already has several miles in first-class condition. Lexington township has the larger part of its road graded and some of it surfaced and about half of Boone township's road is already built.

Among those present at the meeting were: Dr. J. H. Mook, F. H. Lambeth, Dr. E. J. Buchanan, G. W. Mountcastle, Charles Young, W. H. Phillips, J. C. Bower, G. F. Hankins, J. F. Hargrave, W. O. Burghin, R. S. Hargrave, C. C. Shaw, Dr. W. L. Kiffin, J. P. Sprull, Z. I. Walser, J. H. Green, E. A. Timberlake, H. B. Varner, D. F. Conrad, Lee V. Phillips, T. S. Eanes, and others.

DAVIDSON AND DAVIS WIN.

Yesterday the News & Observer brought the glad news that Davidson wins a part of the appropriation and that Davis, who had asked for it, also wins. The News & Observer says:

"Davis county and Davidson county are the lucky ones. They get a part of the United States government money for building good roads. \$10,000 to Davidson, \$20,000 to Davis, and \$10,000 to Davidson."

And there is a good reason assigned by Governor Craig for apportioning \$20,000 or \$30,000 of the \$40,000 to these two counties, though each is a different reason. To the money goes because of what a county has done, to the other because of what men have done to have a county put money in good roads.

With regard to these things Governor Craig, who yesterday announced the apportionment, said "I have supervised \$18,000 of the United States government good roads funds to Davidson county and may make it \$20,000. I do this because of the progressive spirit the people of that county have shown in voting \$175,000 in bonds for building roads. It is a small county, yet it has shown a splendid report. I am also led to do this because of the interest that Mr. P. H. Haynes and others have shown in road work, being pioneers in that line. The money which goes to Davis is to be used on the road between Winston and Statesville and Mocksville.

"In apportioning \$10,000 to Davidson county because of the enthusiasm which Henry B. Varner and others have shown in good roads work, and in recognition of the splendid work which they have done in North Carolina and in other states for good roads. They have been enthusiastic in the work and fought for a bond issue for good roads in their county. I hope that this money will be so used in Davidson, that the people of that county who voted down a bond issue for their own roads will be led to see the value of good road building."

Of the \$40,000 apportioned by the federal government to North Carolina there has already been \$10,000 given for road building from Swannanoa Gap east to Old Fort. For each dollar given there is to be two dollars additional raised for the work, so that there will be expended between Swannanoa Gap and Old Fort \$30,000, in Davidson county \$30,000, and in Davis county \$20,000. This is making these model roads. In apportioning this money to the west Governor Craig says he does so because road building costs more in that section than in other parts of North Carolina, and that it goes to sections without large means or where there is needed work to build up enthusiasm in good roads building.

The Status of the Thaw Case.

An exchange summarizes the Thaw case as follows:

The American people like to make great ado about nothing. In the case of Thaw a New York court failed to punish him properly, because it allowed Thaw's claim of "a brain storm" when he killed the actor's wife. Since then New York justice has gone out of its way to punish Thaw improperly by imprisoning him in an insane asylum. When he escaped and got to Canada, it would have saved a great deal of trouble had the Canadians been left to deal with him as they chose. But the authorities of New York used every expedient to secure his extradition. Finally, the Canadian courts getting tired of the wrangling found Thaw a very undesirable citizen and rushed him across the border into New Hampshire. Here after a few hours of liberty he was arrested again. But at last Thaw got a federal court to take up his case, on a writ of habeas corpus. Here the matter hangs. On September 15th Judge Aldrich indefinitely postponed the hearing. This means that Thaw will be free from kidnapping by the New York officers, and secure from being carried to New York State on possible extradition papers until the matter is heard again in the federal court. But it is said that his case is not extraditable. He has committed no offense, except the alleged offense of conspiracy—while insane—to escape from Mattawoman. Unless the authorities of New Hampshire decide to arrest him on the score of insanity, and keep him in an asylum of their own, Thaw will probably remain here as long as he knows of New York. How.

IN THE RATE FIGHT.

Davidson County Will Do Her Part in the Warfare For Just Freight Rates in North Carolina.

Following the road meeting in the court house Monday night there was an informal meeting of the Davidson county branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association. Mr. J. Tilden Hedrick called attention to the importance of taking immediate action and suggested that Davidson's share in the fund needed for the fight be raised at once. The county has been assessed \$100 by the state association. Lexington assumed half of the burden and \$25 was raised in less than five minutes. Mr. W. O. Burghin was appointed a committee of one to raise the remainder yesterday morning, which he did without any trouble. Mr. F. H. Lambeth pledged \$50 for Thomasville.

The following were named as delegates to represent Davidson county at the big convention which meets in Raleigh today: W. O. Burghin, G. F. Hankins, T. Hedrick, G. W. Mountcastle, J. D. Grimes, H. Green, of Lexington; J. W. Lambeth, John R. Ross, C. M. Hoover, C. F. Finch and C. G. Hill, of Thomasville.

Negro Refused to Tell on Charlotte Lynchers.

"Have no idea the names of the men who lynched a negro in Charlotte a few weeks ago will ever be revealed to the public," declared a citizen of that town who was a visitor to Winston-Salem, says the Sentinel.

This gentleman explained that he believed the officers of Charlotte had used every effort to get a clue to the guilty parties, "but the trouble is those who are in position to give out information refuse to talk," said the visitor. He stated that if he went to a negro who was supposed to know several members of the lynching band, but when asked to talk Sambo replied with emphasis: "No, sir, boss—don't catch die here nigger tell 'n' anything on dat bunch of lynchmen. If dey found out dat I had been tellin' on 'em here's another nigger dat would be either shot to pieces or stretched to one of dese here telegraph poles in dis here town. You jes' have to 'cusse mine time, Mr. White man, kase while I don't know much, I knows it would be dangerous to be around here if I got out dat I had been tellin' on dat bunch dat killed dat other nigger, serious trouble would sure come my way, I knows dat much."

Howe's Circus Comes Next Saturday.

The largest camel that this world has ever seen is one of the camels with the Howe Great-England Show is reputed to be, and there has been no other camel since the claim was made that has come forward to dispute it. This most meritorious animal will be in Lexington on Saturday, Sept. 27th, and will be on the giant camel. It towers above all others that you have seen just as the big tent towers over the smaller ones. If the correct measurements were given they would not be believed, and for that reason the management has wisely decided to withhold them, preferring that the people see this monster of the desert and see for themselves.

In direct contradiction to this gigantic ship of the desert and as a constant companion is the smallest pony ever born to live. It is so small that a child can carry it, and no taller than an ordinary house dog. Ever since the tiny camel has been introduced in the animal quarries for it and never is happy excepting when the little fellow is tied near him. This feeling, strange to say, is reciprocated by the pony, and when the two are seen standing side by side one can not help to wonder at the strange freaks that nature is responsible for.

The menagerie with this show is made up of wonders, and students of natural history have pronounced it the most complete in the world. As far as can be ascertained every known specimen not extinct can be found in the menagerie. It will be appreciated more so because of the fact that not only are the fully matured animals to be seen, but the newly born beasts of the forest, plains, mountains, jungles and deserts are to be seen with their still unwashed young. It is an opportunity that neither the grown ups nor the kiddies can afford to miss.

Stepped On a Big Snake.

It was declared many years ago that the Irishman has no use for snakes—same one or otherwise. It was fully demonstrated last week by a railroad man, that at least one Irishman is "agin" the reptiles. It was just after a few cars of the Sanger show train had wrecked near Pilot Mountain one night last week that W. W. Dugan, the reliable and popular train master, was on his job endeavoring to get things in running shape. It was dark and in passing along the track with his lantern he met with the misfortune of stepping on one of the big pet snakes which belonged with one of the sideshows. The box in which the snake was kept was hauled back broken when the car turned over. The snake was about the size of a man's arm, and they tell it that when Capt. Dugan's foot slipped off the ugly looking monster, and he caught a glimpse of those snappy eyes of his snake's, the trainmaster's feet and body went up in the air. His next appearance was on top of a box car.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Horse Anchored Here.

Mr. George Dees, of Pamlico county, tells the New Bern Sun a story of the recent flood, which he affirms is true, although it sounds like a fair story. He says that while the waters roared in Pamlico a dwelling situated on Goose Creek Island, occupied by an old lady and a child, was submerged, moved from its foundations and was floating away. Just then a horse, swimming by, forced himself into the house. The water level he forced the door shut. He says that while the waters roared in Pamlico a dwelling situated on Goose Creek Island, occupied by an old lady and a child, was submerged, moved from its foundations and was floating away.—Statesville Landmark.

Singing at New Pilgrim.

For reasons known to every one on the singing class at New Pilgrim did not render its closing exercises last Sunday. The same program will be rendered this week and rendered next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Every one is invited. Come! Your presence will be an inspiration to the class. The class will do their best for your entertainment. There are quite a variety of songs. Solos, quartets, octets and the like will be rendered. Mr. F. S. Sisk will be the conductor and Miss Zula Cochran accompanist.

Freezing at Welcomes.

There will be preaching services at Welcomes Baptist church next Sunday at 3 o'clock Rev. J. M. Hamrick, visiting pastor will preach at that hour, the services taking place of the regular third Sunday meeting which was prevented by the rain. Sunday school will meet at 10:30 a. m. All are cordially invited to come.

SULZER ON TRIAL.

Court of Impeachment Began Its Work Thursday—Sulzer Loses First Clash in Court.

The high court of impeachment, composed of the New York Court of Appeals and the New York State Senate, took up the case against Governor Sulzer at Albany Thursday. The first day of the court was taken up in formulating rules of procedure and on the second day there was lively skirmishing between the attorneys on both sides. Counsel for Sulzer set out in their efforts to prevent four senators who have been active against the governor from sitting on the case.

Friday for the first time Governor Sulzer formally conceded that he had no right to exercise the functions of Chief Executive pending the determination of the impeachment. This he did in a letter to Lieutenant Governor Glynn, turning over to the latter a request for the extradition of a prisoner and explaining he had taken such action because of recent decisions of the supreme court that the "executive" functions should be performed by yourself an Acting Governor.

The charges against Governor Sulzer, to which a plea of not guilty has been interposed, are as follows:

That William Sulzer fled with the Secretary of State a false statement of his campaign receipts, expenditures, disbursements and liabilities.

That he was guilty of perjury in stating under oath that his statement of his campaign receipts, expenditures, disbursements and liabilities was correct.

That he was guilty of bribing witnesses to withhold testimony from the legislative committee which investigated the campaign expenditures and receipts.

That he was guilty of suppressing evidence in using threats to keep witnesses from testifying before the legislative committee.

That he was guilty of preventing and obstructing a witness, Frederick L. Caldwell—from attending under subpoena the sessions of the legislative committee.

That he used money and checks contributed to his pre-election campaign to speculate in stocks, and that he was thereby guilty of larceny.

That, as governor, he threatened to use his office and influence for the purpose of affecting the vote on a political action of certain public officers.

That, while Governor, he corruptly used his authority or influence to affect the current prices of securities listed and selling on the New York Stock Exchange, in some of which securities he was at the time interested.

Gov. R. L. Davis Is Pardoned.

Governor Craig Friday afternoon granted an unconditional pardon to Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the anti-saloon league, who was convicted in Wake superior court in July of assaulting Wiley Straubach with a liquor bottle. Mr. Davis produced affidavits from responsible persons to show that Straubach told them a few days after he got a bad lick on the head that he had no idea who hit him. Later Straubach testified that Mr. Davis struck him with a bottle.

Senators Simmons and Overman and Secretary of the Navy Daniels were among the hundreds of prominent North Carolinians writing to Governor Craig to grant the pardon. Other hundreds of letters came from persons outside the state. Judge M. Cooke and Solicitor Herbert Norris, after reading the affidavits, recommended a pardon. There was no opposition.

Liquor Piped Into Jail; Rainstorm Reveals Method.

Prisoners in the jail at Salem, O., have been for some time secretly receiving a regular supply of liquor. With the arrest of Herbert Kodel and Charles Smith the secret came out.

Kodel had arranged an ingenious connection with a water drain pipe, and was fitted close to a window on the third floor of the building. The prisoners had managed to cut a hole through the pipe, and when Kodel and Smith would lean out of a window in a building adjoining the jail and pour the liquor down the drain pipe the prisoners would place an improvised damper in the pipe and catch the liquor in their tin cups. A heavy rain last week exposed the leak in the pipe.

Died at 126 Years.

Aunt Lina Crawford, who was doubtless the oldest woman in this section of the state, if not in the whole state, died August 10th at Mantua at the age of 126 years. At some time back in the dark ages, she was not to her, she nursed the editor and his brother, and they are, we suspect, the only people in town who had a nurse over a hundred years old. Aunt Lina was at one time the property of the late Mr. Homer LeGrand.—Rockingham Post.

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MARRIED.

Mr. C. F. Trantham, of Reeds, and Miss May Sisk, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Sisk of Cotton Grove, were married September 20th at the residence of Dr. J. C. Leonard, the officiating clergyman. These young people have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Thursday afternoon at the court house, Squire Harvey H. Kooz was called on to unite in marriage Mr. Wade Smith and Miss Stella Piko, both of this county.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rothrock, Monday evening, Mr. Walter Shirley and Miss Irma Rothrock were united in marriage. Squire J. F. Hedrick officiating.

DIED.

Flores Odessa Myers, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Myers, died Monday morning after an illness lasting several months. The cause of her death was pellagra. She was a member of the First Methodist church of this city, a devoted member of the Philanthropia class of the Methodist Sunday school, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her untimely death, father and mother, four sisters and six brothers.

A Card From Mr. Newton.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

"Antony Takes a Fall Out With Gerald Johnson For His Editorial Comment" is the way the Davidsonian of last week heads an article on the front page, commenting on my brief article entitled "Antony Takes a Fall" in The Dispatch of last week. The Davidsonian prints the article in full and comments as follows: "Taking his stand behind a non-de-plume, and taking steady aim, Antony opened fire upon Gerald Johnson this week, or rather the 'hawk-eyed' Cassius of the Greensboro News' who placed Thomasville in a class with New Orleans. Antony's righteous indignation was stirred as a result of an editorial appearing in the Greensboro News last Sunday morning which contained a lengthy comment upon an article Antony sent in to The Lexington Dispatch last week concerning 'Everybody's Day' to be held in Thomasville Saturday October 4th."

What do you think of that? Readers of the Davidsonian will have no difficulty in recognizing the source of those comments. There was never a question in my mind as to who the commentator was, but I went through the formality of asking and found of course that it was the man whose name appears first of the two publishers of the Davidsonian. Of course I was only keeping up a little fun that Gerald had started and I knew that he would understand and thought everyone else would. Imagine then my utter astonishment when a citizen of Lexington attempted to apply the hair brush through the Davidsonian. "Taking his stand behind a non-de-plume" (I will refrain from comment on his rather free use of the hyphen and apostrophe in the word) is he in no doubt as to the fairness of my methods or the openness of my tactics he may be convinced by giving me occasion to "take a fall out with him." He may best me, but he will not be able truthfully to say that I did not give him a chance to draw on his natural resources.

Of course if I had been serious I would not have called myself Antony. I was serious, though, when I referred to Gerald as the "hawk-eyed Cassius of the Greensboro News," for in thinking of him I was reminded of what Julius Caesar said of Cassius: "He reads much; he is a great observer, and he looks quite through the deeds of men." However, let me say that with reference to his placing "Thomasville in a class with New Orleans" I do not believe that there is any one man anywhere that could reduce Thomasville to such a level.

J. M. NEWTON.

Thomasville, N. C., Sept. 22, 1913.

Yadkin Building Good Road to Iredell Line.

The first mile of good roads that Yadkin county has ever possessed has just been completed near Jonesville. This road is scheduled to run from the Yadkin River at Elkin through Jonesville and through the townships of Buck Shoals and Knobbs. J. P. Howard's store, near Jennings, Iredell county, a distance of 12 miles. At Howard's store the Yadkin road will connect with the Iredell county sand-clay road, giving Elkin, Jonesville, and that part of Yadkin a splendid road direct to Charlotte by way of Statesville and Mooresville. The road is being built by private subscription.

Coroner's Jury Verdict Falls to Solve Case.

The coroner's jury in High Point Thursday afternoon returned a verdict in the inquest over the body of Policeman J. W. Witches, who was shot Saturday Sept. 13. The verdict was that the deceased came to his death as the result of a bullet wound from the pistol of a person unknown to the jury. Thus the coroner and his men register the finding that Witches' death is unsolved and his slayer mysterious and unknown.

Town Toughs and Known.

Discussing the Mecklenburg lynching, the Raleigh Times says: "If the lynchings were from the country thought, and Charlotte people believed they were." From the country indeed! The Landmark is surprised to see the Times give utterance to such nonsense. Of course the lynchings were not from the country, the Charlotte people do not believe they were and the statement is an injustice to the rural residents of Mecklenburg. The lynchings were town toughs and we have no doubt many of them are known.—Statesville Landmark.

In a Public Road in Pitt county Sunday Morning Chas. Foreman Shot.

Henry Nobles died with a shot gun, both colored. The two had quarreled. Foreman went home and got his gun. Hearing Nobles in the road he shot him dead. Foreman is in jail.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Mr. J. R. Raper, of Linwood, was in the city Monday.

Mr. Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, was here Monday.

Mr. Eccles Hedrick, of Greensboro, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Frank Tesh, of Arcadia township, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Ed L. Green, of Yadkin College, was on the streets of the city Saturday.

Messrs. J. D. and J. M. Newton, of Thomasville, were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. S. E. Williams and daughter, Miss Lois, spent Monday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. H. D. Everhart, of Salisbury, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Hedrick.

Miss Nannie Pitzer, of Red Shoals, N. C., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. Fletcher.

Miss Mayde Grimes is in Lynchburg, attending the opening of Randolph-Macon College.

Mr. H. A. Aitchison, of the Twin City Daily Sentinel, was in the city Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John W. Peeler, of Rockwell, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Leonard.

Mr. Victor Humphreys left Monday for Winston-Salem in the interests of the Dixie Tailoring Co.

Mr. Herman Booser fell from his wheel Saturday afternoon and suffered a very painful fracture of a finger.

Mrs. Margaret L. Ne