

LAST WEEK'S SLEET.

Most Destructive for Years—Asheboro Telephone System Demolished.

Not for many years has this section been visited by so heavy and destructive sleet as that which fell Thursday and Friday. Business in the section covered by the storm was almost totally paralyzed. Telegraphic communication was completely cut off, many towns were in darkness on account of disabled electric plants and at many places the telephone systems were total wrecks.

Such was the case in Asheboro. Thursday afternoon it began with a very light rain followed by hail. In a few moments this changed to sleet and by ten o'clock the destructive siege of ice was announced by the snapping of limbs and electric wires, which threw portions of the town in darkness. Friday morning both electric and telephone plants were paralyzed and the evening witnessed the complete destruction of the lines of the latter. The siege in Asheboro and vicinity was heavier than at any other point.

For two and a half days freezing continued incessantly as all the time a light north east rain fell. Nothing like it has ever been seen here before. About thirty years ago a two days sleet greatly damaged forests and orchards, but no one living can recall one followed by so much destruction of property and which so seriously affected business generally. On the telephone wires the coat of ice measured 5 1-2 inches and more, and these were fringed by icicles three or four inches long. This combined with the ice laden trees, and buildings clothed in suits of pearl, presented a beautiful picture, but when the scene changed—dire destruction and desolation only met the gaze.

In the State every town from Raleigh as far west as Asheville, suffered from this long to be remembered sleet.

At Chapel Hill there was a snow storm which turned into hail and rain. There was snow and hail at Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Salisbury, Concord, and in the mountains of North Carolina there was the largest snow storm in many years. In the vicinity of Asheville the snow fell to the depth of eighteen inches. From Columbia to Washington D C telegraph communication was cut off until Monday. There was no telegraph connection between any stations on the Western N C railroad from Salisbury far beyond the State line into Tennessee.

Conditions were almost as bad on the Seaboard Air Line almost as far south as Aberdeen.

Two hundred telegraph poles were down between Salisbury and Charlotte. Conditions were worse on the roads leading into Greensboro. The lines on the branch roads were not injured so much because there were fewer wires on the poles. In Salisbury the telephone and electric light plants were in places almost completely wrecked and poles 15 inches in diameter and 50 feet long snapped under the great load of ice like broom straws. Conditions at other towns were very much the same, in some places worse.

The Sleet.

The same kind hand that has given us a bountiful harvest of all the necessities of life, and health and strength to enjoy the blessings, has sent a beautiful, but destructive sheet of ice, the damage of which it will take years to repair.

A combination of the most rare and beautiful flowers could not be one half so beautiful as the bare shrubbery in the yards, bending low with the sparkling gems of ice of every imaginable shape and form—the forest snapping and breaking with its great loads of ice, sounding like the mighty guns of battle, the fruit trees splitting and falling frozen upon the ground—why the sight is awe inspiring. We look on spell-bound and wonder, and admire, and tremble. We look out at the window and see hundreds of twittering birds flying hither and thither, finding nothing but solid ice for their little feet to rest upon. We go to the door and throw some crumbs to all that will venture near. How cheerfully they take it up and fly away. Then we think "Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord, of hosts, and just and true are thy judgments thou, King of saints." But why, O why, these judgements! We can only answer "Even so Father, for so it seemed

good in Thy sight." In humility and contrition we "kiss the rod that smites us." There are many sad hearts over the loss of some favorite fruit tree.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Asheboro Telephone Co Will Greatly Improve the Service.

The Asheboro Telephone line which was practically demolished by the heavy sleet last week will be replaced at once by an improved metallic circuit system. A large force of hands is at work cleaning up the fallen wires which have lined the streets of the city since Saturday and other squads are repairing the long distance lines. The latter will be in good condition by the end of the week, but there will be no connections in the city for thirty days or more.

Mr E H Morris, president of the company, says a new switchboard, with a capacity of two hundred phones has been ordered, and the new system to be installed will give subscribers a much more satisfactory service.

It is given out that the sleet last week will cost the Company about \$2,500.

The annual meeting of the Company will be held February 15th.

Trinity Items.

The sleet last Friday and Saturday was the heaviest ever seen here by some of the oldest inhabitants. Trees were uprooted and limbs broken off, but no serious damage was done.

Mrs Benson Parker, who spent last week in Sanford visiting her daughter returned last Saturday.

Miss Thacker, of Greensboro, arrived this morning. She takes Miss Dunlaps place as teacher of Latin and English in Trinity High School.

Miss Rose Johnson who has been teaching near Star, arrived at home last Thursday. She had to suspend her school for a few weeks on account of measles.

Miss Amanda Leach spent several days in High Point visiting her nieces, Mrs Dred Peacock and Mrs June Johnson returning home on Monday.

Rev A F Hargett went to Greensboro on Wednesday on business.

Death of a Child.

Master James, the three year-old son of Mr and Mrs J S Ridge died at their home on South Fayetteville street Tuesday morning. The child had been sick about three weeks.

The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday morning by Rev N R Richardson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city.

The sorrowing parents have many friends whom THE COURIER joins in sincere sympathy in their dark hour of bereavement.

OBITUARY.

James Moore, the little son, of Mr and Mrs J S Ridge, of South Asheboro, died Tuesday, January 30 1906, from the effects of measles. He had been sick nearly four weeks and was perfectly conscious to the last, bearing his sufferings which were intense, like a little soldier. He was only two years seven months and twenty-six years old, but by his sweet winning ways had made many friends who regret to give him up. It seems that time can never erase the shadow which has been cast, where the little sunbeam shown so brightly, but our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom saw fit to transplant this little sunbeam, where it could shine on with Him forever, and we must bow in humble submission to his will and rejoice in the fact that we can join little James in that bright world. The sorrowing family have our heartfelt sympathy and we pray that Heaven's richest blessings may rest on them and give them comfort in this hour of grief.

A Friend.

Mr Lowdermilk Visits Old Home.

Mr W W Lowdermilk, of Glen Elder, Kansas, is visiting friends and relatives in this county. Mr Lowdermilk left here five years ago and went to Oklahoma and lived there for three years, but left and came back to Kansas where he now lives. He is very much pleased with the West and says though he is and will always be loyal to the Old North State, that money is easier made in Kansas. Mr Lowdermilk is engaged in farming. He is a son of Mr Alfred Lowdermilk.

PROF FRAZIER POSTMASTER.

Former Randolph Boy to Succeed Mr Tyre Glenn at Greensboro.

The President has named Prof Cyrus P Frazier as Postmaster at Greensboro, to succeed Tyre Glenn, whose term expires February 18th. Prof Frazier is a native of Randolph county. He was educated at Trinity College, this State and Haverford College, Pa. He taught school for many years. For quite a long time he has been a resident of Greensboro where he is said to have accumulated a fortune of thirty or forty thousand dollars by successful real estate investments and other business enterprises. He is a director of the Bank of South Greensboro and is the president of the Southside Hardware Company.

Prof Frazier is a son of the late Harrison Frazier of Trinity township, and is a brother of Mr W R Frazier of Troy, and Mr J G Frazier of Guilford College. He was formerly a Democrat but drifted away to the Prohibitionist and afterwards to the Republicans. He has been a Republican for many years.

It is charged that the Chairman made a deal with Blackburn, and Rollins has been reappointed postmaster at Asheville and Frazier at Greensboro. Blackburn is to support Chairman Rollins for district attorney to succeed Holton. Both Rollins and Blackburn deny any deal. Rollins is holding up Frazier's appointment. It has been understood for several months that the organization was to support Editor R D Douglass, of the Industrial News, for the postmaster. Mr Douglass and his father Judge Douglass are in Washington.

The Douglasses are fighters. It will be remembered that Judge Douglass was United States Marshal under Grant's and Hayes' administrations, and that when Col T B Keagh was appointed by Arthur during a recess of Congress, Judge Douglass took up quarters in Washington and prevented the Senate's confirmation of Col Keagh, but the Col. held on because it was recess appointment. But what kind of charges will they or can they prefer against Prof Frazier. Nobody down this way ever heard of his being a bad man.

UNEXPECTED DEATH.

Ramseur Correspondent Writes of the Death of Mr Wilson.

On the evening of 19th ult. Mr A K Wilson, who had been ill for some time with la grippe, but had so improved that he was allowed to walk around his room, suffered an attack of the heart from which he died 15 minutes later. The death of Mr Wilson cast a gloom over the entire town, for he was not only a loving husband and father, but he was a good citizen.

Mr Wilson, at the time of death, was 54 years and 3 months of age. He was born in Moore county and moved to Ramseur 4 years ago. He had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for 14 years and died in the full triumphs of the faith. His remains were placed by the side of his loving daughter, Emma, at the Ramseur cemetery, on 21st, Rev J B Richardson conducting funeral services. He leaves a loving wife, four sons and six daughters, a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But they mourn not as those who have no hope.

His room is so lonely and so still. His chair is empty and no one its place can fill.

Over all the rooms in the house we often roam. And sometimes fathers foot steps we hear coming home.

By Shanks.

Davis Gold Mine.

Capt C F Burns, of Cleveland, Ohio, returned Saturday from Catawba county where he went to examine the machinery being used in the Catawba gold mine, which ore is of the same nature as that to be found at the Davis Mountain Mine near here. Capt Burns thinks his company will adopt similar machinery and at an early date begin active operation.

Accident at Franklinsville Mfg. Co.

Much excitement was created last Thursday when one of the large stones of the feed mill of the Franklinsville Mfg. Company burst, completely demolishing the feed mill and badly damaging the corn mill. The latter has been repaired and is being used to grind feed until the other can be replaced.

MIKE WRITES PAT.

Greensburrow, N. C.,
January 27 1906

My Dear Paterick:—I overheard two men talkin the other day about sum feller, an one of em asked, "What turned his mind." The other said, "Maby it was the wheels in his head." That put an idea in my head, (Sol Wiseacre says the first one that ever entered that desert spot.) If sum folks didnt have wheels in their heads they'd have more room fer branes, an they wouldnt be sayin hard things about a poor ignorant feller like Mike Dooganshield when he wants to write to his brother about a cat ate over federal pie. No, I dont mind being called a donkey by a donkey, for donkeys see every body else as donkeys, an its a way they have of trying to claim kin with other fokes an things.

Now, if it wont cause any other dignitary, or potentate, or pope to cave in and have spasms, I'd like to be allowed to make a few more remarks about the rangle at the federal pie counter, but if its a goin to cause anybody to get mad an bite railroad irons into, an frown like a tornado I'll jist hush an say no more about it.

When Rollings got his pappy safely housed in the Asheville post-offis. I thought he'd put the thing on Blackburn, but now they say that the drummer boy is a handin over the Greensburrow and Goldsburrow postoffices to his friends, an it looks like its a goin to be a dog fall again.

Rollings has got so many of his fokes to the pie counter that he feels large enuff to swoller Blackburn an the Tar Kill. He's been a tryin to make peace with the drummer boy, but the boy from "de Ate" and here too, unt no oister. Its a settled fact that BIG BOSS JEEMES has got to walk the log, an thats another score for the drummer boy an the Tar Kill.

I was readin a republican nusepaper the other day, an I noticed that republicans was a harpin that the federal officers was a doin their best to carry out the provisions of the Watts Law, an that paper said the democrat stait officers wouldnt help a bit. Well, if they are a tryin to carry out the law what they got em indicted in the federal courts for? I dont see any use in indictin men who are a doin their duty? Maby the reports that this nusepaper got were sum of Samuel's reports, an you'll have to excuse him if he made his statements from the wrong reports. You cant read the reports from a single stait court but what you see that sum of the offenders of the Watts an Ward laws have been punished. An I've seen no accounts of judges an solisitors an sherifs bein indicted for not doin their duty, but they've had the old revenuers into it for a long time. Actions an circumstances speak louder than a republican nusepaper.

Rollings has got all his fokes a job at the federal pie counter, an now he wants to be deestric attorney in place of Mister Holton, a man who has been a tryin to do his duty. Of course, he'll have to make peace with Blackburn before he gets that done. Blackburn aint a goin to be easy to make peace with either. He's no Lazzer! He wont be satisfied with the crumbs that fall from the pie counter.

The orders has gone out from here that all the republican papers must harp on an honest election an a fare count. I asked Sol Wiseacre what that meant. He said that it meant, when you get your definition from Webster's Dictionary, that you must give every man who is entitled to vote a chance to do so but when you get your definition from a republican nusepaper or a republican polytizen, it means that enuff democrats must be counted out to count the republicans in. Its a relic of fusionism.

You see the little cross roads polytishens have been taught, when they run for offis an get left, to holler "taint far-r-r-re! Same with these little patent outside papers. They jist reserve enuff space at all times so when the orders cums from headquarters they can whine out "taint far-r-r-r-r-re! If you are to judge by their past actions they wouldnt know what an honest election is if they were to meet one in the public road.

Sol was tellin me about an election down in your county several years ago when a certain republican decided he would like to represent

Randoff in the General Assembly. The returns were in and he thought he was elected, an he was out a tellin a crowd what he was a goin to do when he got to Raleigh, while the other fellers was a countin out the votes. Well the other fellers had got the votes divided up to suit theirselves but, by mistake they put the vote they was a goin to count for this would-be republican legislator to the name of his demicrat opponent before they discovered the mistake. They couldnt change it then, cause they had already told the demicrats how it stood. After a while this would be legislator got tired of talkin and went over to see jist how much majority he did get, when they told him the other feller had, I think, 32 em him. Then he should a long "taint far-r-r-r-r-re," an hustled out of town for home, grumblin cause they didnt discover the mistake before they'd told the demicrats. He lowed if they had discovered the mistake before they told it they could have corrected it. So when they begin to talk about an honest election an a fare count, you'd better see what kind of a dictionary they get their definitions of words from.

Your affectionate brother,
MIKE DOOGANSHIELD.

WALKER S TAYLOR KILLED.

Result of Collision Near Atlanta, Ga.—Reared Near Archdale.

Mr Walker S Taylor, who was killed in a head-on collision at Atlanta, Ga., was born and reared near Archdale and was a son of the late Martine Taylor. He was a brother of Mrs Millard Hendricks, of Archdale, Messrs Julius Taylor, of High Point, and J M Taylor, who lives in this county near Archdale. Mrs Lee Aldridge, living near Progress is also a sister of the deceased.

Mr Taylor had been in the railroad business for twenty years, and had lived in Atlanta for many years being in the employ of the Seaboard. His first accident was the one which caused his death.

DEATH OF MRS STALEY.

Daughter of Mr W L Thurber Died at Spero Tuesday.

News was received here Tuesday of the death of Mrs Thos Staley, which occurred at her home at Spero, Tuesday morning about ten o'clock. Mrs Staley had been in declining health for six months, suffering with consumption. The funeral was at Giles' Chapel Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs Staley, who was Miss Flora Queen, a step daughter of Mr W L Thurber, of Asheboro, was married just a year ago in Jackson county, and was aged 23 years, 11 months and 14 days. Mr Staley is employed in the copper mine which operated by Mr Thurber near Asheboro.

Why Not Items.

Mrs Jas A King is very sick. Mr E B Shack of Aberdeen, spent a few days with his parents recently.

Messrs A L King, O M Yow and R J Lawrence have returned from a trip South.

Mrs F K Sturdivant and children, of Knoxville, Tenn, and Miss Minnie Stuart, of Star, N C, are visiting at their brother's, Mr C E Stuart. Mr J D Lilly spent Friday night with his parents at Star.

Messrs Robt, Charlie and Willie Freeman, of Ether, and George Scott, of Flower Hill, who are in school here, spent Sunday at home.

Mr Jesse Copeland, of Moore county, entered school here last week.

Mr F C Richardson, of Asheboro, is spending a few days here hunting. Mrs M F Vuncheon, of Star, is visiting her mother, Mrs Jas A King.

We are sorry to note "Little Mary" Biggs is very ill.

Miss Emma Leach, of Lassiter, has returned to school here. We are glad to welcome her.

The sleet of last week did considerable damage to fruit trees in this section.

Quarterly Conference Notice.

The official members of Richland circuit Methodist Protestant church will please take notice that the 1st quarterly conference which was to have met at Brower's Chapel, January 27th, will meet at that place Saturday February 10th, 1906, at 11 a.m.

J H Stowe, Pastor.

MINISTERS MEET.

Organized for Mutual Benefit and Further Cause of the Church.

Some of the pastors and local preachers of the M E Church South living and serving charges in Randolph county met in their church in Asheboro, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The object was to organize an association for mutual benefit and consult as to how to work together for the best interests of the church in the county.

There were eight ministers present viz. Dr S B Turrentine, P E of the Greensboro District, Rev C M Campbell, of Randleman; Rev C A Wood, of Ramseur; Rev J J Eads, Coleridge; Rev B F Hargett of Trinity; Rev J F Allred, of Franklinsville; the Rev J W Calder, of Ramseur and the Rev N R Richardson of Asheboro.

That so many preachers of a single denomination are found in the county, is tribute to the magnitude of Randolph. It is the largest county within the bounds of the Western N C Conference. There are about 45 churches with about 3000 members of the M E church South in the county. These churches are divided into nine pastoral charges that are holly within the county and several Randolph churches are connected with circuits that lie principally in adjoining counties. It is doubtful if another county can show such a number of circuits, and yet there are a number of townships in Randolph in which there are no Methodist Episcopal churches.

Rev C M Campbell preached an excellent sermon Tuesday night, after which Dr Turrentine assisted by the ministers present administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. The Conference was a profitable one and very much enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

A plan of permanent organization was adopted by which a conference will be held in Asheboro every three months. There are six-teen or seventeen preachers eligible to membership in this Randolph County Conference. The following officers were elected for the year President Rev. N R Richardson, vice, President Rev C M Campbell; secretary, Rev C A Wood.

East Ramseur News.

The weather is nice again after such a sleet—the heaviest since Feb 1874. Timber and fruit trees are uprooted and broken, doing considerable damage.

Mr and Mrs G H Lambert have returned from a week's visit to their daughters, near Coleridge.

Mrs Lambert lost on the streets of Ramseur Sunday Jan 21st, a hand satchel containing a bill of money some change, a stool of thread and other small articles. She would appreciate the favor if the finder would return the same and will pay a suitable reward.

The school is progressing nicely with Prof McCluskey at the helm. He is growing in favor with the people. He is a most excellent instructor.

From Durham to Bonsal.

The depot at Bonsal will be completed in a month. The framing is nearly all done at Hamlet and will be put up in a short time after being hauled to Bonsal. A telephone line, instead of a telegraph line, is being erected between Bonsal and Durham, and will be completed in two weeks' time. No regular schedule has yet been put in operation, but freight trains run occasionally from Durham to Bonsal.—Chatham Record.

Mr S W Trogdon, who has lived near Carthage for several years will move back to his farm in Union township in R udolph. The Carthage papers speak of Mr Trogdon as a good farmer and an honest man. We hope that Mr Trogdon will teach our farmers on his return how to grow berries and fruits and vegetables with the success he has grown them in Moore county.

Mrs Florence L Brower, wife of Rev I M Brower, who several years ago was pastor of Concord circuit died on the evening of the 15th at her home at Rutherford College. Her husband and six children survive. She was a sister of the late Mrs E W G Fisher, of Concord.—Concord Times.

Rev Mr Brower formerly lived at Archdale, in this county.

Miss Mamie Richardson, of Asheboro is in town in the interest of her music class which she is about to establish. This is a rare opportunity for those wishing instruction in music, as Miss Richardson has exceptional training in that line.—Randleman Times.