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With the prospect that one of not two large hotels will be built at Blowing Rock before the hot weather...

ELSEWHERE will be found the card of Mr. Charles K. Dabney which we commend to the favorable consideration of all persons needing anything in his line.

CAPT. CARRAWAY representing the Raleigh News and Observer as elsewhere announced will be here during court week in the interest of his paper.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

BLOWING ROCK, Aug. 28. I made my trip up from Lenoir yesterday solitary and alone, but came through safely.

I find the amendments of the turnpike at Ostron's Hill, Cook's and Wahoo Spring to be great improvements.

I find Ingle's, Clarke's, Morris' and Estes' boarding houses well filled with guests who are enjoying this delightful climate immensely.

Winston wants a big hotel built on the burnt-out district.

Charlotte has received its first bale of new cotton. It sold for 10 1/2 cents.

The dry weather has injured the prospect for tobacco in middle Carolina.

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tauga, such as Mrs. F. J. Patrick, of Richmond, Mrs. Holt W. Page and Misses Sophie and Jennie Parks, of Norfolk, Misses Phippen, Davego, of Chester, &c., &c., &c. (but how can I name them all?) to obey whose lightest bequest every gentleman is happy.

Dr. Hackett is the youngest man at Morris' and is always teasing the girls, who are very fond of him.

At the Watauga two of the most prominent visitors have been 'Jack,' Capt. von Ringharz's dog, so well known in Lenoir, and a genuine \$250 pug by the name of 'Box.'

Blowing Rock has had "tone" about it this summer and has been fashionable. It is quite the proper thing to do now to come to "the Rock" and an eastern man or woman who "goes somewhere" in the summer has not cut the correct caper unless he or she has been to the "Hotel Watauga" or one of the "Rock houses."

It has had a big run this season and is preparing for a larger one next. Yesterday a very important trade was made.

Quite a cool spell came upon us Wednesday night. Thursday morning at 6 o'clock the thermometer registered 48 degrees and at Winkler's, Cowles' and other exposed places, there was a touch of frost.

On Boyden, when the sun was low, a swain and maiden were walking slow.

But Boyden saw another sight. When--his heart beat at early night, Commanding fires of love to light, The darkness of the scenery.

Miss S--da heard another sound-- His heart confessed the fatal wound, And swore, by Jove, 't should rebound To their eternal glory.

Major John G. Bynum and wife, of Morganton, have just arrived and are stopping at Estes.

Watauga court, next week, when I will come down to solid work and will leave off being a "watering place reporter."

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The Statesville American is to be revived at an early date with E. B. Drake as editor.

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Capt. J. C. Borden, a well known citizen of Wilmington, died at Goldsboro, last week.

The total number of applicants for pensions in the State is 2,600 widows and 1,200 soldiers.

Rutherford College opened with fifty scholars last week with additions to the number made every day.

The records of Wake county for the last 107 years are kept all safe and sound in the clerk of the court's vault.

A fire occurred in Winston on Thursday which resulted in a loss of \$11,000 on buildings and \$12,000 on goods.

The News and Observer says that a cotton-bearing tree has been discovered growing in the swamps of Tyrrell county.

The new light house to take the place of the one burned last spring, has been completed at the mouth of the Roanoke river.

Goldsboro will decide by vote on Sept. 14th, whether or not to issue \$35,000 in bonds to be used for building water works.

The R. & D. railroad company propose to establish at Salisbury a bureau for the advancement of immigration and general information.

The town commissioners of Winston appropriated \$1,000 to the water works company for the purpose of buying an engine to run the pumps.

Mr. Robert Ransom reports that good rains fell on the parched earth between Raleigh and Greensboro on Friday.

A chapter of orphan children from the Oxford Orphan Asylum gave an entertainment in Salem and realized \$59. Also in Winston, \$105 was realized for the benefit of the Asylum.

Miss Elizabeth A. Barbee, three miles of Durham, was burned to death last week by attempting to hasten the fire by using kerosene oil. The can burst, setting her clothes on fire.

Mr. P. N. Whiteman bought a tract of land for one thousand dollars in Forsyth county. This year he sold his crop of tobacco raised on the farm for \$1,154.32, yet some people think tobacco raising don't pay.

Dr. Clark Whittier has bought 6,000 acres of land west of Qualla station on the line of the railroad in addition to 60,000 acres purchased some months since, and is laying out two towns to be called Whittier and Skyland.

William Maxwell, of Charlotte, and Frank Steffner, of Asheville, are making a bicycle tour from Charlotte to Springfield, Mass. They made 98 miles in one day.

The Raleigh News and Observer and Judge Fowle are beginning a crusade in behalf of the "jimsou weed." They say it is a "medicinal plant of rare virtue and its flowers are beautiful, with an odor much resembling that of the violet."

Jos. Bailey, colored, of Winston, killed himself last week by taking an overdose of a mixture containing strychnine. He was to take so many drops but, having no means handy of measuring the dose, he put the bottle to his mouth and guzzled at it. In an hour he was dead.

The thirty-eight States have 2290 counties.

The abundant fruit crop in all the States makes prices very low.

The Sultan of Turkey gave audience to Hon. S. S. Cox, U. S. Minister on Tuesday.

King Alfonso of Spain visits the cholera hospitals in Madrid, and contributes to the relief of the sufferers.

The United States practice ship Constellation, with the naval cadets on board has arrived in Annapolis Roads.

Mr. Conrad B. Day has been nominated by the Democratic State Convention at Harrisburg, Pa., for State treasurer.

Joseph E. Bower the oldest master mason in the United States, died at his home in Philadelphia last week, aged 94 years.

Col. J. S. Mosby, late U. S. consul at Hong Kong, arrived in San Francisco last week on his way home. He realizes the fact that the government has changed hands.

Spain is losing in population at a fearful rate. Since the outbreak of cholera, 73,347 have died of the disease out of a total of 187,565 cases. The death rate is about 1,500 a day.

Great destruction of life and property is reported from Canton, China, and vicinity. 10,000 people have been drowned by the floods in the rivers, and a far greater number left in a starving condition.

Only five of the brave band that drove the British back at Baltimore Sept. 12th, 1814, remain living: George Boss, 92; Samuel Jennings, 91; James Monford, 90; Nathaniel Watts, 90, and Sohn Peddicord in the nineties.

An investigation into the Alabama claims commission has revealed the fact that twenty four persons acting in various capacities, at salaries from \$700, to \$4,200, have been illegally held on the rolls and have been dropped. Mr. Walker Blaine at a salary of \$3,500 is one of the number. It seems to us that we have heard of the name of Blaine before. Oh! the crookedness of republican rule and ruin that will be unearthen in the near future.

The city of Charleston, S. C., was struck by a cyclone on Tuesday of last week, and one fourth of the houses in the city were unroofed. Parts of the spires of St. Michael's and St. Matthews' churches were blown down, and the spire of the citadel square Baptist church was blown to pieces, falling on houses and demolishing them. The wharfs cannot be repaired for less than \$500,000 while the individual loss amounts to \$1,100,000.

TOWN TALK TOPICS. Trivial Incidents and Idle Gossip from the Outlying Hamlets.

Spartanburg claims an ox 48 years old--tough beef, that would make a contemporary say, "it is a little singular in view of existing facts that Salisbury, named for a town of that name in England, means 'dry town.'"

Capt. Harrison Watts has sold his elegant Charlotte mansion to Miss Jennie Johnson, daughter of the late Dr. S. X. Johnston, of Gaston, for \$10,000.

Asheville wants to oust H. L. Guder, the Republican postmaster. There is much complaint about his carelessness in delivery of letters, putting them in wrong boxes, etc.

The people of Goldsboro are complaining of the awful heat and the continued drouth, as if they have anything else but hot weather in the summer time. Let them come to the mountains and cool off.

The young man who writes the locals of the Winston Daily gets very sentimental sometimes. Speaking of Miss Kate Briting he says "she is looking just too sweet, to--but we desist lest we fail to do the subject justice."

A Cunning Mail Robbery--A Good Bit of Detective Work.

The mail robbery noted by telegraph in the News and Observer of Wednesday is pronounced by Inspector Henderson, who has had many years experience, to be one of the most cunningly perpetrated he has met with in all his service.

The case was worked up by postmaster Boyden, of Salisbury, who found shortly after taking possession of his office, about July 1st, that the mail between Salisbury and Albemarle was being systematically robbed. When the postal department was notified they put on three experienced inspectors, Henderson Thomas and Smith. It was soon discovered that the robberies occurred on alternate days, corresponding to the trips made by George Eagle a mail driver. Six decoy letters were put in the bag at Albemarle. When the bag arrived at Salisbury it was examined by postmaster Boyden, who promptly notified the inspectors that the letters had been taken, whereupon they immediately arrested Eagle and searched him. But only \$3.50 was found upon him and for this he gave a precise account, specifying in detail where and how each portion of it was received. This rather nonplussed the officers, and with post-master Boyden they went over the route and pounced down upon the postmasters of Gold Hill, Rockwell and Bilesville, making them show up every cent. But they found all right. So it was concluded to shadow Eagle to see if he had an accomplice, and Mr. McDonless, a miner near Bilesville, whose business took him over the track. He saw Eagle joined by Jethro Almond as he reached a stretch of two miles of lonely road through the woods as the route turns off to Bilesville. After riding with him long enough to effect the robbery, Almond got off and made his way by a footpath to his home. In order to capture Almond, Eagle had been released from arrest, and let go over the route once, but he thought the best thing for such an Eagle to do was to use his wings, so he stole a horse and disappeared, and has not since been seen. The inspectors imme-

dately visited Almonds house and arrested him. Fourteen dollars of the marked money was found upon him, out of the twenty-four that had been taken that day. He shortly confessed his crime. He seems to have used Eagle as a cat's paw, as although \$200 was taken, all told, Eagle got very little of it. Almond is now in jail at Albemarle, and will be taken to Salisbury, where he will have a hearing before commissioner Holmes. The capture reflects great credit on postmaster Boyden, who showed remarkable skill and alertness.

A CARD.

New York, August 21st 1885. Referring to the following letter, I would say that I have abandoned the business of R. J. HALE & SON with Messrs. A. W. HAMILTON & CO., 110 and 112 William Street, New York, where I shall be pleased to receive your order and to see you when in New York. With largely increased facilities, I shall be able to furnish promptly and on a more favorable terms, and venture to hope that your business experience together with personal attention will be able to give you the satisfaction.

Mr. Charles K. Dabney was with the old firm of R. J. Hale & Son from its beginning in New York to the end with the death of Mr. Hale, since that time he has owned and conducted its business under the old firm name according to New York laws. He is not a constituent in the matter of the date of the business of the firm with that of Messrs. Agar, Hamilton & Co., and with respect to the fact that he is able, if that be possible, to give more thorough satisfaction than ever to the friends and customers who have dealt with R. J. Hale & Son in New York for the past twenty years. He will continue to supply to customers and the Trade generally Stephen's School History of the United States, and the other publications of R. J. Hale & Son.

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NOTICE. Let my horse on 10th inst., J. C. Webb, a bound boy, contrary to order whose time of service would expire April 23, 1887. I therefore forbid any and every person from harboring or trading with said J. C. Webb. Five cents reward for bringing him to me but no thank you, sir. Isaac Oxford, GREEN VALLEY, Aug. 30, 1885.

Dr. T. J. Corpening, Dentist, of Statesville, will be in Lenoir during Court.

NOTICE. The notes and bonds taken by me in the fall of 1884, for Star Brand Guano are now due and in my hands for collection. Come forward and settle up without further notice, as I have to make settlement with the Company the 1st day of September.

Some have failed to pay up for 1883. I hope they will pay up at once as further indulgence cannot be given. R. R. WAKEFIELD, August 10, 1885.

TO THE PUBLIC! I am still at my old stand, next door to S. W. Hamilton's. All persons wanting either Sheet Iron or Tin Work Done, can have it done on SHORT NOTICE and in GOOD STYLE, and all NEW WORK GUARANTEED. Tobacco pipes and stove piping to be had at SHORT NOTICE. Sugar and Coffee and other groceries and notions and bread and cakes always on hand. With thanks for past favors I humbly solicit a continuance of the same, promising to sell as Cheap as any of the rest can sell. J. S. P. HAMILTON.

TINWARE FOR SALE. By virtue of three mortgages made by L. M. Allen and J. M. Pearson to J. H. Hightower, dated March 12, 1885, and assigned to me, we will sell at public auction, for cash, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1885, at J. S. P. Hamilton's Store, in Lenoir, N. C., a large lot of Tinware and Tinware Machinery.

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