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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Dr. Benbow went to Raleigh Saturday.

—We learn that a bank will soon be established at Madison.

—Solicitor Brooks is attending Chatham court at Pittsboro this week.

—Another meeting of the friends of the dispensary will be held at the court house tonight.

—Editor Hammer, of the Asheboro Courier, was here Saturday on his return from Raleigh.

—A defective flue came near causing a serious conflagration at the Benbow House one evening last week.

—On account of the severe weather, work in the city graded schools was suspended Monday and Tuesday.

—Two good second-hand buggies, 1 dray, 1 one-horse wagon, all nearly new, at Townsend's. Will be sold at a bargain. 6-2t

—Mr. Charles Pearson, a prominent architect of Raleigh, was in the city last week prospecting with a view to locating here.

—Last week \$456,000 were deposited in Charlotte banks as a part of the proceeds of the recent sale of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad.

—Sheriff Gilmer was in Raleigh last week looking in on the legislature. Six years ago he was a member of the house of representatives.

—Mr. C. G. Pritchett died at his home, two miles east of Greensboro, Thursday morning and was buried at Mt. Pleasant church Friday.

—A number of our people claim to have felt a distinct earthquake shock shortly before 5 o'clock Monday morning, several being awakened by it.

—A statement of the condition of the People's Savings Bank appears in this issue. This is one of our soundest financial institutions, and its affairs are in a prosperous condition.

—While chasing a prisoner in the dark one night last week Constable Dave Scott ran against a wire clothes line and narrowly escaped serious injury, though he captured his man.

—Mr. George Merritt died at his home near Guilford College Monday afternoon at the advanced age of eighty-five years. He was a most estimable gentleman and will be missed from the community.

—The following Greensboro gentlemen are among those appointed marshals for the Newbern Fish and Oyster Fair, which opens on the 20th inst.: R. S. Mebane, John Cator, Charles L. Andrews and Dr. J. H. Wheeler.

—Mr. C. L. Tucker, of Pleasant Garden, who has been suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis, is improving. An operation was performed Monday and we are glad to know that he is now on the road to recovery.

—Salt fish have advanced, but we have a fine barrel of white fish and mullets that we offer at the old price: White fish, 3 cents a pound; mullets, 7 cents. Low price by the barrel.

HATT & LAMB.
—Liberty Register: "Mr. John Ellis reports the greatest gain in hog flesh we have ever heard of. He penned a hog that his neighbors guessed to weigh 150 pounds and in eight weeks time he killed it and it weighed 312 pounds."

—The young man Link confined in jail for forgery was visited Thursday by his father, J. C. Link, of Davidson county. He came with a view to securing the release of his son, but failed to make up the bond, being unable to justify for the required sum.

—We are under renewed (?) obligations to those friends who have made promises of long standing to pay off their indebtedness with wood. It is unfortunate that those promises will not keep us warm during this severe winter.

—Last Friday was the one hundred and eighteenth anniversary of General Greene's retreat from Guilford Court House before Lord Cornwallis. We are told by history that it was an exceedingly severe winter, and in that particular history is just now repeating itself.

—Last week we mentioned the fact that two negroes had been arrested for stealing goods from a Reidsville store. Since then two more—Hamp, Ferrall and Will Hargraves—have been arrested for the same offence. The four thieves are now in Rockingham jail awaiting trial.

—The personal property and real estate of the late J. W. Stewart will be sold at public auction on the 23rd inst. The farm lies about ten miles southeast of Greensboro and is in a good state of cultivation. See the notice of sale in this issue.

—Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. W. G. Randall, of Greensboro, is in the city. His reputation as a portrait painter has grown beyond State borders. His last work was a full life size portrait of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, for the Peabody Normal College at Nashville, Tenn."

—Mr. W. D. Kirkman, agent for the heirs of the late Peter F. Kirkman, will sell, on March 17th, several tracts of valuable land and a lot of personal property. The sale will be held at the late residence of the deceased. For a full description see notice of sale in this issue.

—Rankin, Chisholm, Stroud & Rees advertise trunks and valises this week of which they have a full and up-to-date line of honest prices. The mackintoshes advertised by this firm recently have been greatly in demand, but they still have a few which will be sold at the prices advertised.

—Representative Kennett, who was a member of the educational committee here from the legislature Sunday, spent the Sabbath with his family at Pleasant Garden. Senator Wilson, who was a member of the same committee, went to Morganton Saturday night on a visit to his wife, who is visiting her parents at that place.

—Waynesville Courier: "Rev. S. H. Hilliard has purchased a large farm near Canton, and expects to sow and reap in this field as well as in the gospel field. He is building an up-to-date log cabin which he hopes to enjoy during the summer months." Mr. Hilliard is remembered as the popular pastor of West Market Street Methodist church in this city for four years.

—Last Thursday Mr. Charlie Hunt, son of Mr. John Hunt, of Friendship township, was kicked on the head by a mule, sustaining a fracture of the skull. The wound was quite serious, necessitating a surgical operation, which was performed by Dr. Michaux, of this city, and Dr. Roberson, of Guilford College. We trust the young man will soon recover.

—Last night at 12 o'clock the C. F. & Y. V. railroad went under the control of the Atlantic Coast Line and the road will henceforth be known as the Atlantic and Yadkin. Mr. J. F. Post, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the new road, was here yesterday attending to some business connected with the transfer. The employees of the road do not as yet know whether they will retain their positions under the new management.

—Last Friday a mule belonging to an old colored man of this city was discovered in a most pitiable condition. The animal was almost frozen and had been without food for some time. An officer went around to arrest the owner, who said he had no place to keep the mule where it could be protected from the severe weather and no money with which to buy food. To escape prosecution he offered to give the mule away and a gentleman from the country accepted the gift.

—For some time the members of a certain family in this city have been greatly annoyed by the frequent receipt of anonymous letters of a most scurrilous and obscene nature. The matter was reported to the police and resulted in the arrest of Annie Wright, the colored cook of the family. She was given a hearing Friday afternoon and bound over to court under a bond of \$300, in default of which she was placed in jail. The offence is a most serious one and a long term in the penitentiary will probably be her portion.

—A friend writes the PATRIOT to know if the thermometer has registered below zero in North Carolina within the past fifty years. Our memory doesn't run back quite that far, but from the best information we can obtain zero weather has prevailed on numerous occasions during the past half-century. We are told that the winter of 1857 was one of the coldest ever experienced in this country, a heavy snow lying on the ground during the months of January and February and all the streams being frozen over. If our memory is not at fault the mercury was as low as twelve degrees below zero eight or ten years ago, remaining so only a short while. Monday night it registered from two to three degrees below, and we suppose the present cold snap is of long duration than any for some years past.

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IT WAS A STUNNER.

The Great Snow Storm in This "Land of Perpetual Spring."

The weather we have been called on to endure within the past few days is almost unprecedented in this section. It is true the thermometer has at times dropped lower, but there have been few times when the snow has been so heavy or the cold wave so unexpected or of such long duration. The cold had been intense for some days, extending over all sections of the country, as will be seen from a perusal of our telegraphic news. This condition was caused, we are told, by the rapid southerly movement of the northwestern high area, such a movement being greatly accelerated by the easterly progress of the Gulf disturbance, to which is attributable the heavy snowfall.

It began snowing here about noon Saturday and continued almost incessantly for about forty-eight hours, reaching an average depth of about fifteen inches. In many places the drifts were several feet deep. All this of course seriously interfered with travel and caused business to be practically suspended for the time being. The mails were all late Sunday, and Monday trains on the Southern stopped running for the first time in twenty years. The local passenger was the only train which came in from the north and it was several hours late. The vestibule, the fast mail and the Florida special were annulled, as it was impossible for them to plough through the great mass of snow. As soon as it cleared up hundreds of men were put to work clearing the track. Efforts to run trains on the C. F. & Y. V. road were equally futile. The main line trains were snowbound at Wilmington and Mt. Airy, while the Ramseur train was detained at this place. Monday an effort was made to take a freight to Sumnerfield for wood, but it was impossible to even get the engine out of the yard.

Coming as it did, the blizzard was a great discomfort to all our people. The supply of wood and coal was short and it seemed as if we were to be frozen out in fact for once. The town was literally snowed under and the only thing a person could do with any degree of comfort was to remain indoors and burn what little fuel he chanced to have on hand. Despite its inconveniences, the snow is doubtless a blessing in disguise. It will be specially beneficial to farmers, for it is said a heavy snow is always helpful to the grain crop. We are also told that numerous snows during a winter are the forerunners of a long and hot summer. So let us content ourselves and be thankful for what we have received.

Helping the Needy.

The extremely severe weather of the past few days caused much suffering and distress among the poor of the city, and had not measures for their relief been promptly taken the result might have been most serious in many instances. Sunday committees were appointed from the various churches to look up destitute cases and collections were taken to aid them. The committees acted in conjunction with the city authorities and other private citizens and worked faithfully through the biting cold and blinding snow in locating needy persons in different sections of the city. The cold weather of last week had placed these poor people in distressing circumstances, and many of them were found to be suffering from actual want.

Our people responded nobly to the call for relief and contributed liberally. Supplies were sent to the mayor in abundance and all day Monday his office presented the appearance of a commissary store. The office was thronged by those seeking relief and drays were kept busy supplying those who were unable to present themselves for help. While there was no trouble in supplying the demand for groceries, it was a different matter in regard to fuel. The prolonged cold weather had almost exhausted the supply of coal and wood on hand and it was with the greatest difficulty that wood was procured at all. The railroads brought in a lot of cross ties Saturday, which, in addition to several car loads of wood secured, was distributed where it was most needed, very little of it being sold.

It is impossible to estimate the amount of money collected and supplies donated, but it was considerable. It is a demonstration of the fact that our people always stand ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. Such work is practical christianity and a true index of a people's nobility of character.

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A PRIMARY TOMORROW.

The Dispensary Matter Will be Settled and Then the Agony Will be Over.

With the exception of the late campaign, nothing in recent years has occasioned so much general interest as the present discussion of the dispensary matter. People who are not accustomed to taking an active interest in public matters are bestirring themselves as if the salvation and future happiness of the community depended upon the solution of this question according to their way of thinking. It is a strange fact, but true nevertheless, that whenever the whiskey business is being agitated it arouses the energy and enthusiasm of people as nothing else can.

As stated in our last issue, a bill for the establishment of a dispensary for the city of Greensboro was introduced in the state senate some days ago. The advocates of the measure have been organized and actively engaged for some weeks in keeping the matter before the people and working up a sentiment in favor of the dispensary. Last Thursday a delegation composed of quite a number of the city's influential business and professional men went to Raleigh and appeared before the joint committee on propositions and grievances in behalf of the bill. Several speeches were made, both pro and con, and at the suggestion of Senator Wilson it was decided to leave the matter to be decided by the white qualified voters of the city in a primary election. The matter was accordingly laid before the board of aldermen Friday night, that body calling a primary to be held in the grand jury room of the court house tomorrow and appointing Messrs. P. D. Price, B. E. Sergeant and T. T. Brooks as pollholders. It will be understood that this primary is not a regular election and not legally binding, being called only to ascertain the will of the people in regard to the dispensary. This will give our representatives in the legislature a better understanding of the case and enable them to more intelligently dispose of the matter.

The calling of the primary aroused the opposition and caused them to take their bearings. A meeting was held at the Benbow House Saturday morning to formulate some plan of action. Quite a number attended and several speeches were made and numerous suggestions offered. They adjourned to meet in the court house Monday night, the call for the meeting being signed by about eighty persons. The meeting was held accordingly, but on account of the severe weather it was not so largely attended as it probably otherwise would have been. Mr. W. Giles Mebane acted as chairman, with Mr. J. L. Fonda as secretary.

Mr. R. R. King addressed the assembly, setting forth their object in meeting, etc. He claimed that it was beyond the province of the aldermen to call the primary and that the same was unwarranted and illegal. He contended that whiskey drinking is steadily decreasing and that there is no necessity for a dispensary. He was followed by Maj. Charles M. Stedman, who thought a dispensary would do great harm to Greensboro inasmuch as it would destroy, to a certain extent, local self government, of which we heard so much in the late campaign. The action of the chairman of the Democratic and Republican county executive committees in signing an address saying the matter was not to be construed as a political move was premature, he said, as it was impossible to keep such matters out of politics. He thought the primary was unfair and illegal and that our representatives should keep "hands off" until they have heard what the people have to say on the matter.

Mr. D. Schenck, Jr., made a short speech, saying there was some doubt in his mind as to the moral ability of the legislature to pass the bill in its present shape. He also thought it a matter of serious concern to the Democratic party as it would have a tendency to stir up strife and create bad feeling. He termed the bill a "cranky" measure and thought its enactment would place Greensboro at a serious disadvantage with other towns in North Carolina which are seeking to interest capitalists.

At his conclusion Judge Spencer B. Adams was called for and responded by giving his personal experience in regard to the liquor traffic. He argued the question from a moral standpoint, contending that if it is wrong for liquor to be sold in barrooms it is wrong for a city or town to engage in the business. Mr. Ceaser Cone expressed himself as being as strongly opposed to drunkenness as any man in Greensboro, but

thought the proposed law would curtail personal liberty. He thought there were other things more obnoxious than whiskey and that just now there were many other matters that might be discussed with more advantage to Greensboro.

The next speaker was Mr. Moses H. Cone, who characterized the proposition to establish a dispensary as "cold-blooded and unchristian." He claimed that the most satisfactory way to regulate the whiskey business was by high license and proper police restrictions, saying that a dispensary would increase rather than decrease drinking. Assurance had been given him, he said, that the measure would not be allowed to go through the legislature without a proposition for submitting it to the people for final settlement, and the present course being pursued was therefore unfair to the opposition. He argued the question from a business point of view, saying the enactment of a dispensary law would be detrimental to the business interests of the city of Greensboro.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cone's speech resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted protesting against the manner of calling the primary and advancing arguments against the establishment of the dispensary. These resolutions will be circulated for signatures and presented to the legislature in the form of a petition when the matter again comes before that body. A resolution was also adopted setting forth the fact that it was the sense of the meeting that those opposed to the dispensary refrain from voting in the primary tomorrow, inasmuch as the same is "without warrant and illegal."

—Mrs. C. C. Gorrell will open a training school on March 1st, 1899, for those who wish to prepare themselves for positions in millinery establishments. For particulars call on or address Mrs. C. C. Gorrell, 109 1/2 W. Market St., Greensboro, N. C.

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Another New Enterprise.

Greensboro continues to move onward and upward. The latest enterprise reported in the city's growth and development is the location here of a mammoth plant for the manufacture of canton flannel. It is announced as a certainty that the factory will be built during the coming spring. The company, which is headed by Messrs. E. and H. Sternberger, of South Carolina, has an authorized capital of \$600,000, of which amount \$300,000 has already been paid in. We understand that Northern capitalists are largely interested in this enterprise and that the company was induced to locate at Greensboro through the influence of the Messrs. Cone, who have contributed so largely to the material prosperity of our city.

Canton flannel is a fabric not now manufactured in the South, and the establishment and future development of this factory will be watched with interest. We are confident that a more suitable location could not have been found in the entire South, and the extensive scale on which it will be operated, backed by ripe experience and unlimited capital, will insure success from the beginning. The concern will give employment to a large number of people and will add stability to the rapid growth of Greensboro.

If the present rate of increase continues the commercial development of this city during the present year will be very great, possibly greater than during any like period in the past. The location of manufacturing plants and wholesale concerns here during the past few years has been most remarkable, and it is this kind of growth that gives our town a position of prominence in the commercial world. With unsurpassed natural advantages and unexcelled educational institutions, together with citizens of push, energy and enthusiasm, the future is indeed bright for Greensboro and Guilford county.

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