

Ice cold Soda Water at J. H. Ennis' Drug Store.

Powhatan Pipes at A. PARKER'S.

Church Festival.—The festival of Whitewoods will be appropriately celebrated next Sunday morning and night in St. John's Lutheran church of this place.

Another fresh lot of Choice Oranges just received at A. PARKER'S.

We were informed by a reliable gentleman that a short while since he saw in the vicinity of Dunn's Mountain a snake that measured forty feet one inch in length.

CITIZENS MEETING ON SATURDAY.—There will be a public meeting of citizens of Rowan county, at the Court House in Salisbury, on Saturday, to perfect arrangements for taking part in the Centennial celebration at Charlotte, on the 20th of May.

North Caro. College Commencement.—will take place as follows: Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D. May 22.

Academic Exercise, evening, May 24. Address before societies by Rev. Jas. H. Turner of Virginia, Tuesday morning, 25.

Exercises of Graduating and Junior Classes, Wednesday morning May 26.

The warm days have come at last, we had begun to think they had forgotten to come this year, but find we were mistaken.

The Schiller Disaster.—The loss of the Steamship, Schiller, on the Cornish (English) coast, involves the loss of 342 lives.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.—The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met at the Mayor's office on Tuesday the 4th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion, P. B. Kennedy, was then elected Clerk, and D. R. Julian, Treasurer.

A resolution was adopted appointing N. P. Meigs, Mayor, Pro-tempore.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday before the 1st Monday of each month.

MEETING OF THE STOCK-HOLDERS OF THE YADKIN RAILROAD.—SALISBURY, MAY 8, 1875.

The meeting was organized by electing Hon. F. E. Shober, Chairman, and B. F. Rogers Secretary.

Mr. V. Mauney moved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the amount of stock present and verify proxies, which motion was agreed to and the Chair appointed Messrs. V. Mauney, S. S. Pemberton, and J. P. Gowan.

The Committee then retired and after a short interval reported that 680 shares of stock were represented either in person or proxy, and that 1,000 shares subscribed by the Town of Salisbury were represented by Dr. T. W. Keen, which stock they recommended should be duly recognized and entitled to a vote, whereupon the Chairman announced, that a majority of stock being present, the meeting was duly organized.

Mr. D. A. Davis moved that the report of the Committee be amended by striking out that relating to the stock subscribed by the Town of Salisbury. The amendment was not agreed to. The report of the Committee was then adopted.

Resolved, that it is ordered by this meeting that an annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, be held in Salisbury on the last Thursday in this month at the Court House at 11 o'clock A. M., and that the President and the Directors of the Company are hereby requested to co-operate with us by issuing a call for meeting on said day.

Mr. W. Mauney moved that the Carolina Watchman, the Intelligencer, the Post, the Herald, the Wadesboro Argus and the Polk's Almanac be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, which motion was agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned. F. E. SHOBER, President.

Another lot of Fancy Candies just received at A. PARKER'S.

NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA RAIL ROAD.

National Hotel, Salisbury, May 11, 1875.

Eds. Watchman: Gentlemen—

Will you be so kind as to insert the following article.

The above charter was passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina in the year 1856 '7; on the 3rd of Feb'y, 1857, but owing to some cause, unknown to this author, it was not published among the other acts of the Assembly of that session.

The charter is a very liberal one indeed. The 1st section, if I mistake not, gives the company, when organized, an existence of 99 years. It names as Commissioners to solicit subscription to the capital stock, L. Bingham, J. M. Clement, A. W. Boone, A. G. Carter and W. B. March of Davis county; John I. Shaver, H. L. Robards, A. H. Caldwell, William Overman and James E. Kerr of Rowan county.

On the 1st Tuesday of August, 1875, the county of Davis submitted the proposition to her voters to subscribe (\$100,000.) One hundred thousand dollars to the Capital Stock of said Road, which was carried. And on the 19th of Sept. 1857 the Town, (now the city) of Salisbury, submitted to her voters the proposition to subscribe (\$25,000.) twenty-five thousand dollars to the Capital Stock of said Road, which was also carried.

The Justices of the county of Davis at a meeting on the 2nd Monday in September 1857 elected A. G. Carter Esqr. to subscribe the sum of \$100,000 to the capital stock of said Road, which he did. The person elected upon the part of the Town of Salisbury, this writer does not now recollect, but he whom he may, it was done in behalf of said town by said agent. So from the foregoing it appears there was subscribed to said Road the amount of \$125,000 one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars by the county of Davis and the town of Salisbury, besides the amount subscribed by individuals, which from recollection, amounted to about (\$75,000.) seventy five thousand dollars, making in all \$200,000, enough to have graded the Road from Salisbury to the town of Mocksville, Davis Co., and furnished the iron and built the necessary bridges; but owing to money crises that year the subject was allowed to die and nothing has been said about the matter for years.

But owing to the zeal of some of the subscribers it is said that the said charter was found in the archives of the Secretary of State, a copy of which can be seen by calling on Mr. J. J. Bruer, editor of the Carolina Watchman in the issue of August 11th, 1857, and all the meetings held subsequent thereto, except the meeting of 22nd Sept. 1857. All the Commissioners mentioned in said charter, now living, will do the people of both counties a favor by giving a published statement of what was done by them, and produce the original subscription books, or, at least, have them in a convenient place for the inspection of the public. I would suggest that in each county where they may be inspected by the people, the opinion of the writer of this article is that said subscriptions to said Road be binding and in full force, if so ordered by a majority of said Commissioners. And the following is my reason for said opinion: The charter requires nothing to be performed in the way of work or organization by the Commissioners to secure said charter or perpetuate the same, which is very liberal indeed. And the section authorizing subscriptions is said stock by individuals, towns or counties is governed by the same rules, regulations and restrictions as those provided for in the Acts chartering the North Carolina and the North Carolina and Atlantic Railroad. The former passed in the session of 1848-49, the latter in the sessions of 1852-53, in which nothing is to be found making null and void the subscriptions to the capital stock of the "North Carolina and Virginia Rail Road," which said project or enterprise proposes to build a Rail Road from Salisbury to Mocksville and from thence to the Tennessee or Virginia line, with this provision, however, said Road is to run West of the Surry line.

Now as to the practical utility in building said Road: All those conversant with the country or territory through which said Road is to be built are satisfied of the abundant supplies to be drawn as a feeder of the N. C. R. Road Company at its mouth or starting point, Salisbury. The section of country through which this Road must pass, if built, abounds in minerals such as Gold, Silver, Iron, Copper and Mica, and an untold amount of Corn, Wheat, Oats, Rye, Potatoes, Apples, Peaches, Butter, Cheese, Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Mules, and various other articles too numerous to mention. But the next question to be considered is, can the people in said counties afford to submit to be taxed to build said Road to its terminus. Your writer is the opinion they can. Now for the reasons: Rowan county is moving with might and main to secure a subscription of \$100,000 on the part of the county to the capital stock of the "Yadkin Rail Road" as it is called or more familiarly known by the name of the Salisbury and Cheraw Rail Road by the way of Walesboro, and I trust they will succeed. For if said Road is built then we and they have a Road to compete with the Carolina Central Rail Road or as is most generally known by the name of the "Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherfordton Rail Road Company" reaching from the mountains to the sea-coast. With this Road as a competitor of the Charlotte & South Carolina Road & the N. C. R. Road, freight must "ex necessitate rei" be reduced which will ensure to the advantage of shippers and consumers. Then grant for argument sake that this Wadesboro and Cheraw Road is built to Salisbury, how stands Davis and the counties along and through which the N. C. & Virginia Road would run if built? Not one dime better off, except in the little item of freights on such articles as they may ship or consume which would not amount to enough to build one mile in the Wadesboro Road. Then people of Davis, and ye denizens of the Mountains "where Lion roareth and the whang doleth mourneth" be on the watch forer—Look well to your interest. We can build the N. C. & Virginia Rail Road from the beginning to its terminus and

let us put the ball in motion again—"Vox populi vox Dei" and with this motto inscribed upon our banner, "Labor omnia vincit" we must succeed—"Non veritas, Mr. Editor—Please pardon my long article. I did not intend to write half as much as I have written; but the subject is one of very great interest to me at least, and I hope and trust to the dear people of Davis county and the other counties.

KENOPHEN.

THE SECOND TORNADO'S TRACK.

Fast Destruction—Trees and Houses Vaned on the Resistless Wing of the Storm—Loss of Life.

The storm of last Saturday some account of which has been given in these columns seems to have been equally as destructive as that which devastated many portions of Georgia and Carolina on the 20th of last March. The storm was attended with the most disastrous results, involving great loss of life and property and the almost total destruction of the young crops. It seems to have entered Georgia in Harris county, several miles north of the point where the one last March crossed the Chattahoochee from Alabama. It then swept with desolation and ruin through Meriwether, Upson, Henry Butts, Newton, Morgan, Greene, Oglethorpe, Wilkes and Lincoln, and then crossed the Savannah, entered South Carolina, and passed over Edgefield, Lexington, Barnwell and Richland counties.

The following details are gathered from Augusta papers: A correspondent of the Chronicle and Sentinel writing from Oglethorpe county, says: A destructive tornado passed through a part of our county and Greene county, yesterday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, destroying life and property to a fearful extent. Scarcely a house remains in its course. Fences were blown in every direction, and the forest completely destroyed. Two men were killed, and two mortally and over thirty persons seriously wounded.

The tornado crossed the Oconee River one mile below Fontenoy Mills. Its course was from southwest to southeast. It destroyed every house on Paulina's place, near where it crossed the Oconee River. We appeal to those who can spare to help us.

In the fork of Apalaches and Oconee Rivers Mr. Adams' plantation was devastated, houses demolished, fences scattered and trees laid low. Other sufferers are there. A little negro girl, named Adams' place was struck and her father and mother returned to mother earth unscathed.

THE PATH OF THE CYCLONE.—The special correspondent of the Constitution writing from Covington, Ga., says: Your correspondent is enabled to indicate, with some degree of accuracy at this hour, the track of the cyclone through a portion of Georgia. Whether it gathered its fearful forces in the Gulf of Mexico or collected in the mountains beyond the Mississippi Valley, is the question to be determined by the meteorological bureau. It came from the west of us, beyond Jonesboro, in Clayton county may be from beyond West Point and the Chattahoochee. Passing through Clayton county it entered Georgia, now not ascertained, it entered Henry county, and traversed it with remarkable devastation as reported. Edging Rockdale, a small new county, it demolished the dwelling and outhouses of Thomas Ogle, killing several of his boys and injuring females, and destroying trees on his place.—The limits of Newton county were entered at Judge Joseph Began's, on South River, blowing everything away in its path.

A man and two negroes were reliably reported to have been here killed, and Mr. Treadway, living on Cotton Creek, to have been caught up and carried away, and to yet missing in spite of search. Widow Holloway's house was blown down and that lady very terribly injured. Several of her boys being blown, and torn from her back by falling timbers; and several of Mr. W. F. Hardin's children were seriously hurt. Mrs. E. M. Melton was badly injured by broken rafters. On the west side of the central piece of land driven into the forest, the negro is doing well. At Alcey River the cyclone seems to have

leaping along, as it were, far above the tree tops, which were wrung and twisted as it rushed over them, and did not descend to the immediate surface of the earth until it was in the village of Rockdale. This is a place in Morgan county, of some sixty houses, including its immediate environs, and is the lying-over station for trains on the Georgia Railroad. Approaching from the southwest, the cyclone was first observed when the up-passage train was at the station on schedule time of 2:37 P. M. Its dark and ominous outlines were seen creeping up above the distant horizon, like an overhanging, protuberant shadow, over the green tree tops. Suddenly the ground rumbling increased, and the rain and rattle, and the hurricane, as if just catching sight of

THE DOME OF THE VILLAGE.—The dome of the village of Rockdale, mounted high into the air, and for a brief while there poised itself, apparently to spring more completely, and with a burning glare, the prey it was rushing to destroy. Coruscations played all about the black visage of the stormy tempest. At this moment, however, it seemed to have divided itself, and the village in this manner escaped total destruction. In the suburbs, however, houses, trees and fences were levelled to the ground.

At Barstown several persons were killed and many more wounded. At Waynesboro a woman was killed, and a fence, fence, gin house or cotton screw left standing. At West Point several houses were blown down and several persons injured.

The residence of Mr. John Steep, near Rutledge, Ga., was lifted up by the wind, carried to a distance of twenty-five rods, and set on its feet again. Mr. Steep was standing in his front door at the time, was uninjured. He said that his house felt exactly as if it was gliding over a pond of water, and that he felt no shock when it was put down on the earth again. The door in which he was standing was on the south side, the direction from which the storm came. The wind seemed to enter through the open door. All the building as it inflated a balloon, and thus lifted and carried off. All the fences, outbuildings, stables and nearly all the trees of this place were blown down. The tornado was accompanied by a tremendous storm of rain and hail. Such a fall of rain has not been witnessed in that section for many years. The valleys were converted into lakes and the hill sides into cataracts. Young corn was beaten into shreds and fruit destroyed.

THE DAMAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA.—We have already given an account of the damage done in Columbia. The storm seems to have crossed the Savannah river into Barnwell and Edgefield counties, and to have crossed

of Lexington to Columbia, beyond which it has not yet been traced.

The outer rim passed Aiken at 5:30 o'clock, pouring out great quantities of hail and wind, but doing no material damage. Capt. John Moore, of Aiken, saw the cloud as it whirled past Aiken, though some distance off. It was densely black, not much unlike the one of the 20th of March, had a ragged, cliff-like base, but upon the top there was a vision of the form of an immensely sized man, bending slightly forward, and holding a large club in both hands as if in the act of striking the earth.

A farmer from Barnwell county arrived in Augusta on Monday for the purpose of purchasing horses and mules, all of his having been killed by the storm, which blew a stable down on them.

The first plantation struck in Edgefield was that of S. N. Nicholson, near the meeting street post-office. The residence and other houses were demolished. The next, and in that neighborhood, was the house of Mr. McGee, who was badly wounded and his planter, but enough to rally into the arms of Lexington and Richland, dealing death and devastation on every hand.

At present it is impossible to make an accurate estimate of the damage done by this first visit, but enough is known to render it certain that it will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars, a loss which will at this time seriously embarrass the farmers upon whose shoulders it falls.

THE BODEN HOUSE.—This excellent hotel is now one of the best appointed in the State, newly furnished in every department, with attentive and faithful servants, courteous and obliging clerks, this house is eminently suited to the wants of the traveling public. The Proprietor, Mr. W. T. Linton, is entitled to great credit for the energy, good taste, and public spirit he has displayed in the preparation of the house for the accommodation of his guests. The large number of boarders he has is the best evidence of the good and acceptable management he has instituted.

Sweet Potato Culture.—Mr. Freeman Carry, in giving his experience in sweet potato culture before the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, said: Last year I cultivated twenty acres in sweet potatoes, but this year I will have but fifteen. I grow the plants by artificial heat, raise an arch of sheet iron, over which I construct a chamber, fill with soil three inches deep, upon which place the tubers, and then cover with soil to the same depth. More plants can be produced with this kind of a hot bed raised to ninety degrees, than by manure. I get from four to six thousand plants from one bushel of seed. The plants should be allowed to grow until they begin to vine, as they will become more hardy, and will stand transplanting better.

I allow my ground to remain growing weeds until planting time, when I plough, choosing that condition of the soil when it will break up the most mellow, going only four or five inches deep. I harrow seventy-two teeth. Furrow with a bar-share plough, as for corn planting, three and one-half feet apart, and throw up into ridges all the intervening soil. If the weather is dry, puddle the plants; if not set them out just as they come from the hot bed, place them in perpendicular, not sloping as many do, press the soil closely about the plant just above the roots, and draw some loose soil about the plant.

The only hands in planting; have nothing to do with paddle or stick, or you will leave cavities about the roots, where the soil will not touch them, and they will wither and die. As soon as the plants get well started to growing, and before the weeds become large, plough with bar-share plough, throwing the base of the ridge-bank, leaving them about eight inches broad, then hoe what remains of the ridges, shading of the weeds, and not digging deep as the Germans do, by which the young roots are disturbed. In a few days plough back the soil to the ridges. After this a few hoeings, to keep down the weeds, will be sufficient.

Mr. Carey said his soil was sandy loam which he manures, and does not care what previous crop may have been grown on it. He gets about a hundred bushels marketable potatoes from the acre.

ALMOST A FATAL ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that the Rev. A. W. Mangum and family of this city, met with an accident on Monday afternoon last which almost proved fatal to some of his children. He has been for some days, with his family on a visit to relatives in Orange County. On returning from a visit to a brother-in-law in the same county, the horse attached to the vehicle in which he and two of his children were, became frightened, ran, and collided with a vehicle in which Mrs. Mangum, a little son and a friend were riding.

Some of the parties came in contact with the wrecked vehicles and were in danger of being crushed, and wounded by the horses. The injury to Mr. and Mrs. Mangum was comparatively slight but the little daughter Etta received injuries which were feared at first to be mortal, but at last accounts was better. The Rev. gentleman and family have the sympathies of this entire community.

He contemplated returning to the city during the past week and occupying his pulpit to-day, but the accident prevented.

According to the last census in England and Wales the females of the population outnumber the males by 500,000, but above the age of twenty-five the males exceed the females in number. While there were 400,000 widowers, there were 873,000 widows. Above the age of ninety the females number two to every male.

We are glad to know that Judge Dick has vacated the place of all United States Commissioners in this District, to take effect the 1st of July next. He will then make new appointments, which it is hoped will result in bringing into the service men better qualified for the very delicate duties of this position than those now in office. In saying this there is no intention to reflect on the conduct of the corps at large who are now acting; and yet we cannot conceal from ourselves the patent fact that the office of U. S. Commissioner in this District has in many instances been used for the sole purpose of making fees for the incumbent and in utter disregard of the rights and feelings of many good citizens, prosecuted for the most trivial offences. We thank His Honor for instituting this forward step toward a badly-needed reform.—Asheville Patriot.

FOR SALE.—My farm situated on Grants creek about 9 miles from Salisbury is now for sale. This farm contains about 240 acres, of the best farming land in Rowan County. Has on it a good two story dwelling house a double barn and other necessary buildings and also a well of excellent water. Parties wishing to purchase good and cheap property will find it to their interest to give me a call, can always be found at Klutz's, Graham & Robbins' Store Salisbury, N. C.

KEEP COOL. I respectfully inform the citizens of Salisbury, N. C. that I can furnish them with Maine Ice 24 inches thick at 2 cents per lb. Ice House opened every morning. W. H. KESTLER. May 6-3 mos.

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In Paris they believe that the flesh of horses and asses is first class braisai food. In New York the people who dabble in this lary science have decided that a good square meal of tripe and calves brains renews the phosphorus in the cerebral tissues. Dr. Lambert entertained the Liberal Club the other day on an experimental tripe dinner. Most people of brains prefer good, juicy, roast beef.

THE Boston Post, speaking of Judge Kelly's conversion, says "Go South, gentlemen Congressmen: such journeys make more conversions than a camp meeting." Very true. But it required the awakening of the Connecticut election to soften their hard and impenitent hearts. When all things went prosperously their hearts were as fat as brawn; they heard none of our counsel and would none of our reproof. But their pride is broken, and their eyes and ears now open to evidences. Come on, gentlemen. The South is ready to convert you all.—Raleigh News.

The French papers publish interesting returns from the savings banks of that country. There are 508, with over 2,000,000 depositors, and 535,000,000 francs or \$1,07,000,000 on deposit January 1st, 1873. During the preceding year 75,000 workmen had made deposits averaging \$40 each, 35,000 domestic servants averaging \$31 each, and 57,000 persons of other occupations averaging less than \$30 each. The entire deposits of the two years were \$7,100,000, of which the first year classes numbered contributed \$4,200,000. The French savings bank system dates back to 1835, and the depositors now average 57 to the 1,000 of population.

THE WEAR AND TEAR OF CITY LIFE.—The wear and tear of city life are a severe tax upon the strongest constitutions. The hurry and bustle and anxieties of business keep the nervous system in a state of unnatural tension during business hours, and in the end impair the elasticity and vigor of the vital organization. The penalty of all undue excitement is subsequent exhaustion. The best remedy for it, whatever the cause, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the tonic and alterative properties of which rapidly diffuse themselves through the entire system and reinforce every dormant faculty, and restore a normal condition of body and mind. Some moral reformers insist upon the use of all stimulants. This, to say the least of it, is irrational. All competent physicians admit that pure medicated stimulants is one of the most useful remedies known. As a tonic and invigorant for the aged and languid, Hostetter's Bitters has no equal. It is the sheet-anchor of the feeble and debilitated. In all climates and every species of disorder which breaks down the bodily strength, it is an absolute specific. It is also an invaluable remedy for sea-sickness. The nausea and retching caused by the pitching and rolling of a vessel at the sea paralyze the bodily and mental energies, and those who suffer from it would do well to restore to their system a means of cure and permanent relief. Steamer should sail without a supply of the articles. Among the botanic ingredients of which it is composed are some of the most powerful blood purifiers which the vegetable kingdom affords. Consequently, it is not only tonic and invigorant, but also purifies the system through the natural excretions which nature has provided.

DIED.—THE FUNERAL of the late James T. Morehead Sr., late of Salisbury, was attended by a large concourse of our citizens, the members of the legal profession of the city acting as pall bearers. We were truly with the number of colored people who followed the remains and who testified their affection for one who had always treated them kindly in life. The funeral sermon by Rev. Dr. Smith was one of touching beauty and rare excellence.—Greensboro Patriot.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride father on the 27th of April 1875, by Rev. Wm. A. Julian, Mr. James N. Piaster to Miss Mattie E. Weingartner. Miss Mattie will quit the Weingartner and help Jimmie in the Pastoring.

CHARLES LAMB, Essayist, denounced all spirituous liquors as "Wet Damnation." Poor fellow; he knew whereof he spoke, by sad experience, and if living, would apply the same to Alcoholic Excitements, advertised as Cure alls. But there is one Thing and a half in existence—the best the world has ever known—which contains no alcohol. It is DR. WALKER'S CALIFORNIA VINEGAR BITTERS. 4c

SALISBURY MARKET.—Corrected by McCubbin, Beall, and Julian. Buying Rates: CORN—new 86 to 90. COTTON—13 to 15. FLOUR—\$3.50 to 3.75. MEAL—90 to 93. BACON—country 12 1/2 to 15—hog round POTATOES—Irish 90 a Sweet 75 to 81 EGGS—12 1/2 to 15. CHICKENS—\$2.50 per doz. LARD—15. FEATHERS—new, 50. RYE—\$1 to \$1.25. BEEHONEY—\$1 to 30. WHEAT—\$1.25 a \$1.50. BUTTER—25. DRIED FRUIT—5 to 8. Blackberries, 8 cts.

KEEP COOL. I respectfully inform the citizens of Salisbury, N. C. that I can furnish them with Maine Ice 24 inches thick at 2 cents per lb. Ice House opened every morning. W. H. KESTLER. May 6-3 mos.

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