LOCAL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1882.

NEW TERMS.

From and after the 1st day of January, 1882, the subscription price of the *Watchman* will be as follows:

One year, paid in advance, $1.50
" payment delayed 3 months, 2.00
" payment delayed 12 months 2.50

Mr. James Wrenn has opened a dancing school in this City.

The Ice men are receiving their first consignment for the season.

Charlotte Police are happy—the season for shooting dogs has arrived.

Mr. J. R. Macmurdo has moved his family here from Richmond, Va.

Mrs. E. J. Cannon is visiting her brother, Mr. C. F. Baker, of this place.

FROST.—After a windy day yesterday we had frost this morning—temperature 28 at sunrise.

Mr. John D. Gaskill and his brother, D. L. Gaskill have returned from New York. The latter went for pleasure.

Mr. James Horah accidentally shot his fine bird dog in the face one day last week while out hunting.

The Davie *Times* of the 17th, reports the serious illness of Mr. A. G. Carter, of that place, an aged and highly respected citizen.

Mrs. Boyden, wife of the late Nathaniel Boyden, returned to her home in this place last week, having spent the winter with friends abroad.

We believe it is generally conceded that County Superintendents of Schools and school teachers are not bound by the law to use the school books recommended by the State. It is a matter of discretion with them.

"COTTON FUTURES."—Rev. J. Rumple preached last Sunday a very interesting and instructive sermon on gambling, in which catagory he placed the modern system of "trading" in "cotton futures" and "options." The discourse was prepared with great care and was a surprise to some of his hearers, especially in the facts presented.

Mr. W. S. Blackmer, and Mr. Willie Wiley, left for Wilmington, N. C., last Tuesday morning, to join the good barbuentine Magrethe, of 186 tons register and 240 tons dead weight. N. P. Hansen is the master, and she carries 15 hands, 6 seamen and 9 apprentices. Their probable course will be to the West Indies and thence to the old World.

The Salisbury Amateurs are now in training, and are preparing to present the "Daughter of the Regiment" a two act play, and "My turn next," a laughable two act farce. The music for the Daughter of the Regiment has been composed by Prof. W. H. Neave for the occasion. The Amateurs feel confident of presenting a pleasing and entertaining programme at their next performance—just after Easter.

Mr. A. W. Owen is securing signers to a petition to have him reinstated as a teacher in the Graded School of this city. While we have no objection to Mr. Owen, and do not wish to say anything against him, at the same time to remove Mr. Moser for Mr Owen does not strike us as being policy. Mr. Moser has proven himself to be invaluable to the school, and Dr. Wilborn, the principal, if we mistake not, is opposed to any change. The persons who signed this paper did so probably without much reflection. Some have refused to sign it because they thought that it was a matter for the school Committee. If the Committee are not capable of performing the duties imposed on them, then make a change in the committee, but do not allow this species of meddling with the school; for if teachers are to be changed by petitions, or other like pests, the school must suffer. We hope the Committee will prove themselves equal to the occasion, by exercising their own judgment as to what is best for the school, and by being firm in their decision.

D. L. Bringle appeared in the mass-meeting held by the colored people last Saturday and among other things promised that if they would endorse him, he would promise to employ a colored clerk in the post office. He also tried to have some resolutions complimentary to himself passed, and finally succeeded—but with some considerable erasures.

The truth of the matter was, he tried to keep the wool over their eyes, but he could not. Some lively speeches were made in connection with the affair, which would not be flattering to the p. m., should they appear in print.

Since the above was put in type, Mr. Bringle told us that we were misinformed; that the resolutions were passed and that the matter of the colored clerk was only put in to draw out another candidate for the postmastership. He added: "had we been called out on this point, I should have been forced to tell them, that I could not employ a colored clerk—It would have been against me, but it would have been my answer."

BE ON YOUR GUARD.—An unusual amount of thievery has been going on in and around Salisbury for the past ten days. One day last week a negro named Carter, (a tenant on Mr. Negus' farm) was on his way to town, when he was accosted by a negro who had an iron wedge. The negro offered to sell Carter the wedge for 5 cents, and when he took out his pocket book to get the money, the strange negro snatched it and ran. Carter had $2.50 in the book.

The same man, it is supposed, met Mr. Dan Kluttz on the road and asked the time of day. Mr. K. looked at his watch and told him. The negro bantered him for a trade. Kluttz offered the watch for six dollars. The negro said he had a five and a two dollar bill and if Kluttz would give him a dollar change he would take the watch, Kluttz got out the dollar and the negro snatched it and made his escape.

Last Saturday night Mr. Buerbaum bought a German in his employ a $17 suit of clothes. The German put them in his room, in the old National Hotel building, and when he returned later in the night, they were gone.

A country man, who was too drunk to take care of himself, showed one day last week, a pocket cut open. He said it was done the night before, and that he had lost thirty-seven dollars. This also occurred last Saturday night.

Again, on Saturday night, an attempt was made to break into the safe of the Treasurer of the Western N. C. Railroad. There was a large sum in the safe, as Treasurer Erwin was to pay off the road hands on Monday. The burglar succeeded in prizing off the padlock on the outside of the safe, but the combination lock stopped his daring game. It is not deemed prudent to refer to the clues which point toward suspected persons. The attempt to rob this safe may hasten the erection of the offices of the Company at this place.

These robberies are becoming quite too common, and we hope that the police will keep a vigilant eye on all suspicious characters, and if possible bring them into custody. A chain gang and the old time whipping post would do much to ease the irrepressible desire to gain by theft the property of others.

Colored People in Mass-Meeting.

On last Saturday, the colored people of this County met en masse, at the Courthouse, the object being to elect delegates to attend a State Convention to be held at Goldsboro, at an early day. The whole movement, pretty general over the State, is to try and secure for themselves the rights granted to them by the constitution of the United States, namely: to hold office and to sit on juries. They claim that in accordance with their numbers they are not represented in the distribution of the honors and they desire to ascend in the scale and be represented in a fair proportion. They claim that their votes hold the balance of power, and that it is but just to give them their proportion of the spoils.

They renewed their allegiance to the National Republican party, and to the State Republican Organization, at the same time pledging themselves not to support any republican who will not pledge himself to do all in his power to bring about the state of things desired. They also pledge themselves not to support any republican who had not been tried, and proven himself worthy of their votes as a true and tried man of their party.

[This gives the black eye to the independent movement, so far as they are concerned.]

A young man made a strong speech in favor of nominating their own candidates and supporting them to a man, though there could be no hope of an election.

The scales are beginning to drop from their eyes. They scored the republican party, as it has been conducted, some heavy blows. They said that they had been led like sheep; had supported their leaders, always under promise that something for the colored man would be done; through seventeen long years they have been waiting, and yet there is nothing. They now propose to help the man who will help them.

We are not prepared to predict the probable result of this movement, and as it is a matter concerning the republicans only, we leave the nut for them to crack.

The meeting was orderly and reflected more of good sense than they generally get credit for possessing.

For the Watchman.

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C., March 15th, '82.

A large attendance of witnesses and other citizens from Alexander and Wilkes were at Newton Court last week concerned in the trial for the Thompson murder and robbery committed last June. The result as I learn was that, Davis charged as accessory before the fact was tried and a verdict of guilty as charged was tendered and sentence pronounced—penitentiary for life, from which judgment an appeal to the Supreme court was taken. The defendant is in jail, but by filing a bond of $2,500, he can be set at liberty on bail to await the action of the Supreme court. Adams charged as accessory after the fact was not tried—continued until next court. Dockery, I understand, submits and his case goes over until the other defendants are disposed of. Adams is out on bail having mortgaged property for a bond of $1,000 as security.

Alexander county has a reputation for good mules, and buyers have been in this Spring and bought up about all for sale at pretty fair prices.

A large acreage of wheat was sown last fall and this far the prospect is very good.

Our farmers are busy preparing for the coming crop season, and *Cotton and Tobacco* will make a considerable item in it from present indications.

The cotton mills of Alspaugh Bros., 3 miles above and J. L. Davis & Co., 5 miles below Taylorsville afford a ready market for all the cotton we raise in this section of country and at fair prices cash or in exchange for yarn, sheeting, &c.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

T. K. BRUNER MANAGER.

Dunn's Mountain mine again heard from. 1360 pennyweights of Gold bullion was shipped for last week's run. Who is the next to be heard from? Come miners, bring in your gold, don't let Dunn's Mountain leave you all in the shade.

As will be seen in the advertising columns, the Assayer of Gold Hill will make assays of Gold, Silver and Copper ores. This will prove of great convenience to the people of this and adjoining Counties. Send your ores to Gold Hill for assay.

There was quite a gathering of mining men at the Mt. Vernon last Sunday. Messrs. Graff, Schickhaus and Gillet, of N. J., interested in Dutch Creek mine, Mr. I. M. Caldwell and lady, who have just returned from a trip through California and New Mexico. Wm. Treloar and G. H. Hambley of Gold Hill, J. D. Stewart and T. Wallace of Dunn's Mountain, and Mr. Hulburt, M. E.

Dunn's Mountain Mine.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. J. D. STEWART, M. E. WHO IS IN CHARGE.

Q.—Mr. Stewart, how is your ore holding out—in quantity and value?

A.—"Yesterday with Capt. McCauless I made a thorough tour underground, and have come to the conclusion, that we have an inexhaustible supply of ore.

In the 118 foot level running north from mill shaft we have drifted 242 feet on the vein and the ore in the breast of drift seems to improve both in quantity and quality. In the fourth level we have drifted 236 feet which is also fully as encouraging, we are also sinking a winz in north level which is now 35 feet deep, showing in the bottom ore of a high grade.

In the 200 foot level of Pump shaft we are rising on the vein to connect with the winz. From the 118 foot level of mill shaft the ore from this rise is also of very high grade.

This part of the mine is capable of supplying a 40 stamp mill, which would reduce the expense of working the ore considerable.

We have tramways and cars in all our drifts, also on the surface connected with mill. By this arrangement we only have to handle our ore once, at a cost of mining and milling per ton, not exceeding $2.25.

At 90 feet in the Office shaft we drove out and cut the vein, which is 2 feet wide, and the ore we find to be of a much higher grade than we found when we cut through the vein in sinking. This vein is well defined between its walls. The hanging wall on the S. E. is Talcose slate. The foot walls on the N. W. is gray granite, which is a sure indication that the vein is a continuous one as it sides the granite formation that runs through this mineral belt.

We are driving both ways on the vein, and next week we shall commence milling the ore, when we hope to be able to show the community larger productions than any other mine in the south, which will save us the trouble and expense of calling on the U. S. Sub-Treasury for base bullion to enable us to make a showing.*

Through the kindness of our gentlemanly Express Agent, Mr. Rankin, I was enabled to ship our last week's run. 1360 pennyweights, on Sunday.

In fact all operations are in a flourishing condition, and the mine is now looking better than it has ever done before."

These facts are very encouraging, and we will be pleased to make reports of other mines, as soon as they are prepared to make any report of public interest.

*The remark has been made that Dunn's Mountain mine has not produced the gold she is credited with. The management assure us that all bullion shipped has been taken from the ore, and no underhand dealing has been indulged in. This is a private enterprise, and there is no occasion for salting.

Mining Advertisments.

A NEW WAY TO COLLECT OLD DEBTS.—"I suppose I might as well destroy this," said the tailor, disconsolately, to his wife, taking up a bill due him from one of the deacons of the church to which they belonged.

"Not a bit of it," returned his wife "Give it to me."

The next Sunday morning, when the plate was passed round for subscription to pay off a floating debt, she dropped the bill in it, and before the middle of the week it was paid.

"Marriage is a lottery," remarked the happy tailor, as he pocketed the money.

"But I advise every man to take the chances."

Good Queen Victoria has been touched most deeply by the outburst of enthusiastic loyalty, affection and devotion caused by the last attempt upon her life. An official announcement says:

"The Queen says it has ever been her greatest object to do all she can for her subjects, to uphold the honor and glory of her dear country, as well as to promote the prosperity and happiness of those over whom she has reigned so long. These efforts will be continued unceasingly to the last hour of her life. The Queen thanks God that He spared her beloved child, who is her constant and devoted companion, and those who were with her in the moment of danger, as well as herself. She prays that He will continue to protect her for her people's sake, as He has hitherto so visibly protected her."

MARRIED.

In Providence Township, Feb. 26th, at the residence of Boyden Trexler, by the Rev. J. F. Hodge, Mr. Geo. Kestler to C. Casper.

DIED.

At Gold Hill, on Friday 17th, Mr. A. C. Earnhart, aged about 59 years. He was one of the Magistrates of the county, and a good member of the Methodist E. Church, South.

Also, on 19th, Mrs. Mary Morgan, aged 82 years.

In Unity Township, Rowan county March 13th, of Diphtheria, Robert Baxter, ifant of R. and Laura Cook, 1 year, 10 months and 13 days.

BUSINESS LOCALS

SALISBURY MARKET.

	Wholesale.	Retail.
APPLES—green, per bus	$ 75 @ $1.00	$1.09 a $1.25
dried, per lb	4 a 6	6 a 7
BACON—Country, hog round,	12½ @ 13½	14 a 15
Butter,	20 @ 25	25
Beeswax,	20 @ 21	
Blackberries,	9 @ 10	
Beef,	4 @ 6	
COTTON—Good Middling,	11 @ 11¾	
Midling,	10 @ 10¾	
Low Midling,	10 @ —	
Stained,	8 @ 9	
Corn—new	90 @ 95	1.00 a 1.10
Meal,	100 @	1.15 a 1.20
Coffee,		14 a 16
Chickens,	14 @ 16	15 a 20
Eggs,	12 @ 15	15 a 20
Flour,	3.50 @ 3.75	3.75 a 4.00
Hay,	50 @ 65	
Lard,	13 @ 14	15 a 16
Pork,	8 @ 10	11 a 12
Potatoes—Irish,	80 @ 90	1.00 a 1.20
do sweet,	80 @ 1.00	1.00 a 1.10
heat,	1.60 @ 1.75	

MINING PROPERTY.—Persons having mining property to sell would do well to advertise it. We propose to give room to such notices, to be kept standing under the general caption of "MINING PROPERTIES FOR SALE."

The cost of such notices will be moderate.

Those having properties the value of which is not generally known, should give references to reputable persons known to be acquainted with such matters. This paper has a good circulation among mining men North, and in the State, and can be of service in the way proposed.