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A late spring is predicted. Mr. J. Allen Brown has the whooping cough.

Business quiet since the bad weather began.

The News-Observer has issued a pretty pictorial annual.

Services as usual at the Lutheran church next Sunday.

Capt. Chas. Price has moved into the McBee residence.

Trains from the east have been running behind schedule time all this week.

Johnny Wiley, son of Mr. S. H. Wiley, is recovering from severe pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Buerbaum have returned from their bridal trip north.

Not only the small boy, but lots of the old men are "wild" over the skating.

Henry Hannah, a negro, well known here, has been "put up" for stealing.

John Morgan is the busiest advertising agent in America—when there is a troupe coming.

The Choral Union meets at Mr. John A. Boyden's, on Friday evening, the 15th inst.

The tobacco men are waiting! only waiting! Watching and waiting for a change in the weather.

Mrs. E. B. Neave gave to a few friends a very pleasant dinner party on last Thursday evening.

Mr. Sidney Heilig's "Billy" goat, the faithful, useful friend of his boyhood, is no more—aged 15. Occasionally they die.

The bell at St. Luke's Episcopal church here, has been heard ringing a distance of seven miles from town.

It is reported that W. C. Blackmer, Esq., will build a handsome residence on Fulton street, next spring.

The next term of Superior Court here will begin Monday Feb. 15th, continuing two weeks. Judge McKee will preside.

There was a very pleasant dance at Mr. Shank's, near Watsonville, on last Monday night. They had a jolly, good old country dance.

Allegheny county was represented here this week. Several wagons loaded with apples, chestnuts, &c. Rather a bad time to be so far from home.

Several of the butchers over the way object to being labeled as "mutton row." Buncombe Row is the sobriquet they delight to have applied to that side of Main street.

Miss Maggie Pemberton and Mr. H. Hall, of Fayetteville, fell through the ice on last Tuesday, while skating, into fifteen foot water, and were with difficulty rescued.

George Foster, a negro dry hand, fell from his wagon on last Saturday and struck a stone which penetrated his skull. He has since died from the effects of the wound.

Deputy Collector J. H. McKenzie reports that the people are paying up their taxes promptly, and that the Sheriff and all his deputies are making good records on this, the last round.

The bombshells mounted on Dr. Griffith's fence and gate posts were manufactured at the arsenal here during the war. They will be regarded as relics in the years to come.

Boys who were born during the siege of Petersburg, can vote at the next election. The school boy of today knows but little about any siege during the war. Shame on the schools.

A Congressman, members of the Legislature, Clerk of the Court, Sheriff, Register of Deeds and Constable are to be elected this year. Election time comes around too often.

Mr. H. M. Jones, who holds a position in the revenue office at Newton, spent last Sunday at home. He is well pleased with his work and speaks favorably of the citizens of Newton.

How it works: Friday Jan. 8th, 11 o'clock, a m.—a two horse load of wood 90 cents; 12 o'clock, indications of snow, worth \$1.00; 1 o'clock, snowing right along, \$1.25.

The cold weather interfered with the union service this week to some extent, but it is hoped and signified that when the weather will permit the united effort be resumed for a week or two.

Another precinct heard from. A book-keeper in this place states that on last Monday he was writing, or rather attempting to write, within three feet of a roaring good fire, when the ink turned to ice upon the point of his pen before he could get it from the bottle to the paper.

It was the pleasure of a representative of the WATCHMAN to listen to a neat little polka—variations, triple tonguing, &c., rendered by Mr. Ed. B. Neave, on the cornet at his residence on Friday night of last week, and we can only reiterate what is generally acknowledged by all who are judges, that Mr. Neave can get more music to the round inch out of a horn than any of the players in this part of the country.

The snow fell on smooth frozen roads last Friday and the sleighing was good Saturday.

Very few ice houses will be filled here this winter, with native ice. It can be delivered in mid-summer by the car load cheaper than to house it here in winter, and is superior in every way. It really seems colder than "home made" ice.

The District Stewards of the Salisbury District M. E. Conference, held their annual meeting at the Methodist church in this place yesterday, and transacted the usual routine business provided by the discipline of that church.

Some of the old people pronounce the recent cold snap "pretty severe weather," in fact, as cold as it has been for several years back; but it won't begin to compare with a cold wave that passed through this way about 1840, and along there, "Let's see! that's about forty-five or six years ago this incoming February."

Mrs. D. D. Norwood, of Perry, Ga., has a small gourd that she has constantly used as a "darning gourd" for 45 years.—Ez.

A lady friend of ours has a similar gourd that has been in her family for three generations—about 75 years. The same lady is using every day her great-grandmother's coffee-mill.

Skating was never so fine here. The ice is as glassy as a "mirror lake." Many of the ladies and gentlemen of Salisbury are enjoying this best of all exercises. Mr. J. D. Gaskill is always on hand, and while he does not pose as the "best skater," he has more real fun in a day's frolic on the ice than any two men in the community.

School Report

FOR 4TH MONTH, ENDING JAN. 8TH, 1886—

WHITE SCHOOL:

Enrollment, 310 308 296

Av. attendance, 180 201 196

COLORED SCHOOL—3D MONTH, ENDING JAN. 6TH, 1886:

Enrollment, 157 213 154

Av. attendance, 94 142 110

T. A. Mowery Accidentally Killed.

The town was startled on yesterday to hear of the sad death of Mr. Thos. A. Mowery. He was hunting on the Achenback farm near town, yesterday, in company with Mr. Chas. Holmes and a Mr. Nail, and while these two men were trying to get a rabbit from an old dead tree, Mowery was loading his gun. It seems he was standing on an incline and that he slipped and fell, the fall discharging the gun. The load took effect in his left underjaw, tearing it completely away, and ranging toward the top of his head. He fell dead—no breath was drawn after the fall.

Mr. Mowery was a native of this town, aged about 24 years, and has been a dry-man all his life. He leaves a wife and child bereft of husband and father. This is a sad affair and comes as a solemn warning to the living—in the midst of life we are in death.

Old Hickory Club.

On last Monday evening the annual meeting was held in the parlor of the Club. Much business was transacted, but not of interest to the general reader. The following were elected to fill the offices for this year:

President, Maj. G. P. Erwin.

1st V. P., Wm. Smithfield.

2nd V. P., Theo. F. Klutz.

3rd V. P., T. C. Bruner.

Secty., R. Eames.

Treas., W. H. White.

Executive Committee.

The first two for 12 months, the second two for 9 months and the third two for 6 months. All the affairs of the Club are in a sound and prosperous condition. This organization is a credit to the town.

The Pleasure Club—Drill and Dance.

On last Thursday night a rare and pleasant entertainment was given at the hall of the Pleasure Club. It was the drilling of sixteen young ladies. They had been under the guidance of Capt. Theo. Parker, an excellent drill master, for several days, and appeared on their first dress parade that evening. At a given signal they filed out to the center of the hall and stood in line, "chins up and eyes to the front," looking as brave and determined as any commander could wish. A wave of sweet musical sounds floated from the rank as they counted one, two, three, four, etc. Then all was silence. Sixteen girls all silent and still? Yes, and more; they were obliged to listen to one man! He soon spoke—"Right by your march!" and they moved as one man, or rather, as one woman. It was the poetry of motion—so exclaimed (more than) sixteen gallants, who gazed with manifest admiration at the line. It was a pretty line—decidedly the prettiest ever seen here—and the "sweet sixteen" executed the manual of arms with graceful dexterity. They were marched and counter-marched, in twos, in fours, and every other way, until every man in the hall had blistered the palms of his hands in enthusiastic applause.

The uniform was bright, jaunty, and becoming. It consisted of a red skirt, yellow sash with large black tassels on its ends, black zone jacket trimmed with two rows of yellow braid, white blouse waist with broad turned down collar, and a red fez cap with black tassels. Each man (feminine) in place of a gun carried the flag of some nation, which was not only pretty but interesting in their various designs. The picturesque effect of flags and uniforms called forth the keenest appreciation of all beholders.

The young ladies who participated in this drill did so for the benefit of the Pleasure Club, and the trifle charged as admission fee netted \$23, which will help to defray the expenses of the Club incurred during the holidays.

FANCY DRESS BALL.

The next anticipated pleasure on the list of gayeties for the week was the fancy dress ball

on Friday evening. Snow was falling in the earlier hours, which prevented many from attending, but notwithstanding a large assembly was present to witness and enjoy this festive occasion. At ten o'clock the merry dancers in their many hued costumes appeared, and inspired by the sweet strains of a march promenade, the dancing began, and progressed in regular order with nothing to mar the pleasure of the evening. It would be a pleasure to describe minutely the many costly and elegant costumes worn on this occasion, but our space is too limited for such extensive notice. Most of the toilets were becomingly appropriate, and many of the characters personated admirably conceived and executed. Let imagination picture them as the reader scans the list:

Miss Mamie McNeely—Night-black dress illuminated with golden crescent and stars, forming a bright feature in this social horizon.

Miss Minnie Scales—Aurora—an airy costume of pink and white bespangled with stars, and so charmingly enhancing the ethereal appearance of the wearer as to convince the gay cavaliers that "the spirit of morning was whispering hope."

Miss Carrie Freer—Evening Star—a white dress over which a large, resplendent star was worn in her cloud-like tresses, and myriads of lesser ones supplementing her costume, shed thin, silvery light.

Miss Bessie Kerr—Sun Maid—was attired in white, and over her dress and around her head gleamed a unique representation of sunshine.

Miss Nellie Holmes—White Rabbit—dress of soft, white goods, white turban and slippers, decorated with the heads of the little animal; the costume was designed to represent. This costume was very accurate in all its details.

Miss Bessie Neely—Spanish Lady—so perfectly represented as to induce a young gentleman to address her in Spanish.

Miss Mamie Mock—Snow Queen—a very elegant, graceful costume, trimmed with swan's down.

Miss Lottie Mock—Di Vernon—silk hat and very becoming riding habit.

Miss Shober—Persian Princess—a very handsome and elaborate oriental costume, strikingly becoming to the lovely wearer.

Miss Mamie White—Where are you going, my Pretty Maid?—made a quaint picture in a Kate Greenaway dress.

Miss Mollie Murphy—Sorceress—looked as if she had just wandered from a band of gypsies.

Miss Ella Brown—Quakeress—quite becoming prim little Quaker dress, with "shaker" bonnet to match, all in exquisite taste.

Miss Sudie Murphy—Vatteau Shepherdess—a lovely costume of pink and blue, beautifully decorated with exquisite gentian roses—greatly admired.

Miss Carrie Crawford—Flora McFlimsy—elaborately dressed—a fine suggestion of "Nothing to wear."

Miss Annie Bingham—Silver Spray—wore a sheer white dress and wings over which the silver spray was artistically visible. The costume harmonized with her sweet, fresh face.

Miss Pauline Parker—Evangeline—a short skirt of striped blue and white, over-dress of light blue, blouse of white linen with high neck and long sleeves, bodice of blue like skirt, and cross, rosary and Norman cap. A becoming and well chosen character.

Miss Emma Council—Forest Queen—dress of green and white garnished with parti-tinted autumn leaves, necklace and bracelets of gilded acorns, crown of acorns and leaves, and a basket of ferns and autumn leaves. As a child of nature she played her part well.

The following gentlemen appeared in fancy dress—some very elegant and tasty costumes among them:

Theo. B. Brown, Chevalier, court of Charles IX.

Ferrand Houghton, Uncle Sam.

A. C. Harris, Chevalier, of Louis XIV.

John Brown, Irishman.

Tam McNeely, Mr. Tony Lumpkin.

W. C. Lindsay, George Washington.

Ed. Young, Troubadour.

John Moore, Sailor.

P. B. Beard, Gabelier.

John Young, White Prince.

Robert Ramsay, Crusader (in armor).

F. F. Smith, Knight of the White Plume.

James Ennis, Oscar Wilde.

Theo. Parker, Captain of the Horse Marines.

Malcolm Manly, Scotty the Jockey.

Besides those in fancy dress, there were a large number of ladies and gentlemen in evening dress, and a number of visitors, among them Miss Maggie Merrimon, of Raleigh, Mr. Schenck, of Greensboro, and Mr. Witherspoon, of Statesville.

This ball closes the season, and a gay and happy one it has been to the young people. The Pleasure Club, composed of the best young men of the place, has certainly done the handsomest thing for the social circle of the community, and too much praise cannot be given them for their generosity in this particular.

LIST OF LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in post office at Salisbury, N. C., for the week ending Jan. 9th, 1886.

Nelson Carter

John Campbell

Worth Chunn

Ellen J. Drury

Jennie Graham

Beaty Hol

Frank J. Bethune

G. F. Beaver

H. C. Brown

A. D. Moore

Jack Parks

Jacob Poole

James Shofe

A. B. Staley

Please say advertised when the above letters are called for.

A. H. BOYDEN, P. M.

MARRIED.

At the residence of John Propst, Jan. 8, 1886, by Julius Ebnarth, Esq., Allen A. Want to Mary Propst, all of this county.

SALISBURY MARKET

TO-DAY.

Corn, (not much offering, 40 to 45

Meal, wanted, 60 to 65

Cotton, 83 9

Chickens, in demand, 20 to 25

Butter, 20 to 25

Eggs, freely at 15 to 16

Flour, common family, \$2.60 to 2.75

"extra fine, 3.00 to 3.10

Hay, good, 40 to 50

Lard, country made, 9 to 10

Oats, 40 to 50

Pork, 6 00 to 6.50

Potatoes, Irish, 50 to 60

MINING DEPARTMENT.

T. K. BRUNER, EDITOR.

The Winslow Mine

is reported sold. Active operations are to be resumed at once. The

Winningham Mine

is turning out a fine grade of ore, and the property has a very promising outlook. They are putting up machinery as fast as practicable.

The Gray Mine

is soon to be put in operation. It has been regarded as a good mine for many years and this test will decide the matter. It was worked before the war.

Gold Knob.

It is mooted that a northern party is arranging to erect a complete Fraser & Chalmers ten stamp mill, boiler, engine, crusher and Frue Vanners concentrators on this property on a long lease, and with the privilege of purchase, the operators to pay a royalty out of the gross products to the owner.

Useful Minerals.

Under this head will be given from time to time, brief notes of various useful minerals. North Carolina has a large number of rare and useful minerals, not metalliferous, which are of importance in the manufacturing and arts. In these notes will be pointed out their uses, and also the localities where they most abound.

ALBITE

is a silicate, consisting of silica, alumina and soda, has a hardness of 6 to 7; specific gravity, 2.5 to 2.6. It is abundant in the State, and is found in large quantities in Mitchell, Yancey, Madison and Macon counties.

ASBESTOS

is a general term applied to the fibrous kinds of amphibole and pyroxene, but more generally of the former. It is found in Macon, Madison, Burke and Mitchell counties. In the latter county massive with long staple. It is also found in the form of tremolite and actinolite in this State. It is used in the manufacture of fire proof material, roofing, steam packing, boiler felting, lamp wicks, &c.

BARITE

or heavy spar, has a hardness of 2.5 to 3.5 and a specific gravity of 4 to 7. Its composition is about two parts of baryta to one of sulphuric acid; is used largely to adulterate white lead, and is ground for use in the arts. This mineral is well distributed over the central and western part of the State; in Guilford, Cabarrus, Gaston, Madison, and many other localities.

CHROMITE,

composed of ferrous oxide one part to two of chromic oxide; hardness of 5.5; specific gravity 4.3 to 4.5. It is valuable as the source of the many chromium compounds used in the arts. Yancey, Jackson and Madison counties have the most extensive deposits of chromite.

GRAPHITE,

or plumbago, commonly called black lead, though it contains no lead, is when free from impurities, essentially pure carbon. It is hexagonal when in crystalline form, and occurs in beds. Hardness 1 to 2; specific gravity 2 to 2.5. It is found in Wake, Stokes, Catawba, Burke, Cleveland and other counties, and is used in the manufacture of pencils, stove polish, crucibles and as a lubricant.

KAOLIN

consists of silica and alumina and results from the decomposition of feldspar. It is used in the manufacture of china ware, and is found in abundance in this State. Guilford, Iredell, Ashe and Macon have large beds of it. Prof. Kerr, in his geology of the State tells this story about kaolin:

"A curious fact may be mentioned here which I came upon recently, that the first mineral export from North Carolina, if not from America, more than two hundred years ago, was kaolin, from the mines of Mitchell or Macon; for it happened that at that time all Europe was wild in the search of the earth out of which china ware was fabricated, the Asiatics and Asiatic traders having carefully concealed their art from the European barbarians of Europe. This mineral, therefore, bore a high value; and there is none better found in Europe today than that which the Indians 'packed' from the Smoky mountains to the coast, under the name Unakeh, their name for the Smokies, (meaning white), still called in places, Unaka in Mitchell, and Unakoi in Cherokee. These Indians were not miners, but this kaolin or white earth had been exposed like snow banks in huge dumps and open cuts by an ancient mining people, the Mound Builders, a thousand or two years ago, who obtained here the mica which is found so abundantly among the remains of those people all over the Northwest to the great lakes."

GARNETS,

in crystals, (crystallizes in the isometric system,) all sizes from a grain to twenty pounds in weight. Garnet is a silicate of various bases—protoxide and sesquioxide—and has a hardness of 6.5 to 7.5; specific gravity 3.1 to 4.3. It is of very common occurrence in this State. In Burke they have mills for crushing it. The crushed material is shipped and manufactured into abrasives. The clear varieties are used as gems and there are some exquisite shades, including the rare almandine, found in Burke and Alexander counties. In nearly all of the western part of the State garnet is found. There is a popular superstition which appropriates the garnet to the month of January and is supposed to insure in the wearer constancy and fidelity.

Suggestions and Facts.

[Continued.]

The lower S. E. end of this county, though settled about as early as any other section of the county, is about as little known to the masses as though it were the wild west, and especially so, from a scientific and practical view. While the localities and its people are known as impor-

tant factors, yet what they possess in intrinsic values is not known to the outside world and scarcely known and barely more appreciated by those who own them. With these facts in view, a few suggestions as to them will not be amiss and we hope not unappreciated to the readers of our Mining Department.

From a Geological standpoint it is but necessary to say the section is horumian slate with quartzite, limestone and conglomerates in places. The topography is interesting, and from some of the higher points, can be seen a beautiful undulating country. Bounded on the east by the Yadkin river, there are also several respectable creeks flowing into the river. The general trend of the country is N. E. and S. E.

Some of the river hills assume a considerable proportion and make respectable mountains. It is of these and their construction that we wish to call more particular attention, leaving the farms, with their varied crops for others. Fraley's, Dillo and Mauney's mountains are the principal river hills; they are from 200 to 300 feet above the river at the highest point, the river being about 550 feet at these points above sea level. These mountains and their spurs are well covered with a growth of oak, pine and hickory timber, which makes them rather difficult to prospect from the surface, but enough can be seen by the bold outcrops—the whole area is highly mineralized. Take, for instance, Fraley's mountain. It is cut from its consort hills in Davidson county by the Yadkin river. Here is a considerable bluff, the exposure presenting a fine field for the prospector, and in which can be seen several large quartz veins that go through the mountain, and are known to continue in their course on into Stanly county. These veins have been prospected but very little; they show free gold, and on the summit of the mountain are bold and persistent. An occasional fault or disturbance is met with, where the slates are tilted in all shapes and directions, but the veins generally continue their course of about N 37° E., and of course cut the country rocks. This mountain is owned in part by N. C. Miller, Jacob Fraley and others.

This series will be continued and the section particularized.

Heilig's Mills, N. C., Jan. 7, '86.

Ed. Watchman:

The schools are in full blast in this vicinity. The Rev. Mr. Heller is creating quite a sensation by teaching the little fellows to read before they learn the letters—might as well try to teach a child to walk before he learns to crawl; well he will learn to walk the sooner, and the better by not crawling.

The Rev. Sam'l Rothrock, who has been preaching thirty-four years at Organ church, has resigned.

Mr. Alfred Beaver lost two valuable horses quite recently. The first about six weeks ago with heart disease, and last week another with blind staggers.

The hog killing season is about over and Mr. R. W. Bost claims the largest. His hog stood as follows: Length from ears to ham 6 feet 3 inches, girth 6 feet 9 inches, weight gross 707 lbs, net 608 lbs.

He also claims having a tolerably strong son, who carried this hog over four hundred yards without resting. If any one can beat old uncle Reuben we would be glad to hear from him.