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Several gentlemen from Danville were in town this week.

Messrs. J. D. Gaskill and A. C. Harris are recovering from pneumonia.

Mr. Geo. Achenbach will occupy the storeroom vacated by Mr. J. M. Brown.

Local matter is a scarce article here since the bad weather struck this community.

Read what our correspondents have to say. They furnish live news from the country.

Chickens, eggs and things to eat in his line are scarce in this market just now.

The town clock has resumed business and strikes the hours in an authoritative tone.

The tobacco business is again becoming lively. The warehouses have resumed regular sales.

Interesting communications from several points have been crowded out, will appear on the outside of next paper.

A few citizens of this county attended court at Durham, last week as witnesses in the case of McElwee vs. Blackwell.

It is about time a pretense of repairing the Courthouse was being made. Court coming you know! on the 15th of next month.

Taylor the photographer is just as busy as can be. There will soon be a general wrapping of "shadows" among the lads and lasses.

Mr. J. Douglass Brown, the jovial N. C. representative of E. S. Jaffrey & Co. of New York, goes to that city by this evening's train.

Carlo, M. S. Brown's faithful old bird, has gone to rest. He was about 16 years old. Probably more than 5000 birds have been killed over him.

Mr. James, of Virginia, a noted dealer in horse flesh, was here this week with a drove of splendid horses which were untraced at Hellig's feed stable.

The circulating library established here a few months ago, has become a popular institution; but is calculated to discourage our book stores.

Sales at the Farmers' warehouse have been regular this week, with an unusual good one on Wednesday. The finer grades of leaf are in demand.

Thanks are extended to Messrs. J. L. Endleman and A. W. Rusler for a club of fifteen names. Mr. J. A. Lipe's club is the largest, numbering nearly forty.

On last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunham gave the young people of their neighborhood a very pleasant little affair. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock.

J. M. Coleman & Co., general merchants, at Coleman's Store, near Mill bridge, will sell their entire stock of goods at public auction, beginning Feb. 1.

Don't pass George Washington Smythe's notes, written to the Mayor of Fargo, Dakota. It is vigorous, and will be appreciated now that the blizzard is no more.

Mrs. Scales who has been occupying R. Ross' residence has moved into the brick house on the corner of Fisher and Union Streets. Mr. Ross will occupy a house again.

Capt. T. B. Beall retires from the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse. Mr. H. C. Post of the firm of Beall, Best & Ford, having purchased his interest in the same.

A little too previous. The negro Geo. Foster, whom the WATCHMAN of last week, announced as having died from the effects of a fall from a derrick, is improving and will not die this time.

The little two year old daughter of Mr. Stephen Boyden was painfully bruised by the accidental falling of a window sash on one of her hands on Tuesday. The doctor thinks there is no bones broken.

Mr. T. M. Rice has moved to Salisbury and will build tobacco hogheads to supply the demand by the dealers in leaf. He has been engaged in this business at Statesville for some time.

From an official source it is stated that the railroad shops will not be moved from Salisbury. This is for the benefit of those who are anxious about the matter. It is more probable that the R. & D. shops will be brought here.

The China Grove Debating Club, have elected new officers for '86, as follows: Rufus Cline, President; C. R. Watkins, Vice-President; Lewis Casper, Secy, and Jas. I. Patterson, Mace Deaton and B. B. Patterson com. on queries.

Mr. Phillip Booe, formerly a citizen of Salisbury, now of Winston, was married the 6th inst., to Miss Sallie, daughter of N. M. Sullivan, Esq., a prominent citizen of Forsyth county. They went to New Orleans and returned here on Saturday, leaving on Monday for Salisbury, to visit the groom's father, M. Booe, Esq. He was exceedingly popular here, and the WATCHMAN wishes him a happy hereafter.

Mr. Jas. M. O'Neill's estate received \$1,000 from the Traveler's Accident Insurance Co. a few days ago. This is prompt payment. Mr. J. C. Ledbetter is the local agent.

The recent bad weather has been hard on stock. Salisbury has a citizen who would not allow his horses to be driven or exposed in any way during the cold snap. A very commendable act.

A man brought a lot of partridges to town last Friday, which were caught in a trap. They were mere skeletons, and were seemingly on the verge of starvation. He should have fed and turned them loose.

The "Cold Saturday" was in 1835 and not 1840, as stated in last week's paper. Mr. Jno. C. Miller, of Franklin township, called our attention to the error. But the weather of last week was cold enough for most of us.

The Rail Road water works at town creek are kept running only four hours a day. Why not construct a few cisterns or tanks in the more thickly settled part of town, and keep them filled with water from this source, by engaging the works to run longer?

An electric light of 12000 candle power would, if elevated upon the public square, be sufficient light to illuminate the streets over the business part of town handsomely. How it would compare with the cost of gas at present price has not been ascertained, but it must be fully as cheap.

The Richmond Dispatch says: The oldest native-born white citizen of Petersburg is Mr. John Ennis, now nearly eighty-seven years of age.

This aged citizen of Petersburg is the father of Dr. Jno. H. Ennis, the well known druggist of this city.

Mrs. Adelaide Rowze, wife of Mr. Wm. Rowze, died at her home near this city, on last Tuesday, aged about 75 years. This lady was for many years a member of the Methodist church, and had lived a devout and useful life. She leaves a large family of children and grand children to mourn her death.

There was a change of schedule on the Western N. C. Railroad on last Sunday. The trains on that road now connect with the day trains on the R. & D., leaving Salisbury at 11:30 a. m., after the arrival of the south bound train on the R. & D., and arriving at 6:22 p. m., in time to connect with the north bound train on the same road.

The Bulletin, issued by the Agricultural Department, has again made its appearance. It is an interesting and valuable publication, and one that should reach every farmer in the State. It will keep him thoroughly posted by useful and scientific hints as to the various crops and their cultivation and will tell him all about fertilizers.

John Buch, a rather notorious negro, whose notoriety comes from his robbing freight cars, was arrested a few days since in Charlotte by W. G. Skinner, a detective from Pinkerton's New York Detective Agency, and brought here for trial. He had a hearing before Justice Bringle and was sent up in default of bail. There are five warrants against him, two each in Salisbury and Concord and one in Charlotte. His field of operations extended from Danville to Charlotte. S. F. Tomlinson, large snuff manufacturer of Durham, was present to testify against Buch, whose prospects for ten years in the pen are exceedingly good.

On the occasion of a fancy dress ball here during the holidays, a gentleman desired to attend in the guise of a Confederate soldier, private, but had to abandon the idea because a genuine uniform could not be found in town, nor in the country. This is attributable to the fact, that when our boys returned from the war, they were compelled, "in self defence" to stick to the tattered grey, until money could be earned with which to purchase clothing, and when the old ones were discarded a rag dealer would not pick them up. A few outfits, such as were worn in the winter of 1864-65 should have been preserved to hand down as relics to future generations.

Mr. James Ramsay, while cleaning out some of the dark corners of Meroney & Bros' store in order to make room for the immense stock to be placed this spring, came across some relics of the past. One was a book of valuable and useful receipts, issued by the firm in 1855. It is in the shape of a book of more than 50 pages, the alternate pages being used by the firm for advertising, the remainder devoted to business cards of others including professional cards. He also found a package of "Regalia smoking and chewing tobacco" manufactured at Richmond in 1862. Each plug was put up in a printed wrapper. The tobacco looks as if it had been granulated and then pressed into plugs, so that it could be used for chewing, or crumbled for use in a pipe. There is hardly any of the aroma of tobacco left in this package, which is 24 years old.

Building and Loan Association. A general meeting of citizens is called to assemble in Meroney's Hall, on Friday evening, the 29th of January. Now let the people turn out and go prepared to take an active interest in this scheme for the upbuilding of the town. Never in the history of Salisbury has there been such a demand for houses as now. The Building and Loan will enable those desiring to build to do so on easy terms. Improve this opportunity.

The office of the Pamlico Enterprise was destroyed by fire on last Wednesday morning. The loss amounts to some \$3,000, including a fine law library. The fire originated from one of those patent clay furnaces or chimneys, where it passed through the ceiling.

Father Rothrock.

Rev. Sam'l Rothrock, of Gold Hill, this county, has been in the ministry of the Lutheran Church for more than fifty-three years. His kind and gentle manners and his devout Christian life have made for him the name of "Father" Rothrock, and well he deserves the parental title. During all these years he has been a resident of this county (except a little more than one year in his earlier ministry), and he has never been without a charge. Another reason for his being known as Father Rothrock may be found in the number of marriages at which he has officiated; he has united parents, their children and their grand children. During his ministry he has united in marriage four hundred and fifty-five couples. He is a hale and hearty old gentleman now, and still performs his duties as pastor to congregations who delight to honor him. In the earlier times he often preached in the German language, as then about as much German as English was spoken in the country near Salisbury. Father Rothrock still speaks German, and occasionally preaches in that language. His name is a household word in Rowan, and he is ever a welcome visitor at the fireside of her people.

Death of Dr. T. W. Keen. Dr. Keen died suddenly at his post of duty in the Virginia Legislature, on last Saturday. He had just finished a speech and was sitting at his desk, when friends noticed a ghastly look on his face as his head fell back. It was thought that he had fainted, but the truth was soon apparent—his spirit had fled. This sad event caused much excitement in the legislative halls, and all business was suspended for the day. The House passed a resolution of regret and appointed a committee of five from the House and three from the Senate to accompany the remains to Danville, the home of Dr. Keen, and to draft suitable resolutions commemorative of the deceased. The committee—Messrs. Manford, Dickenson, Burks, Noblin, and Mallory, of the House, and Messrs. Hunt, Staples, and McDonald, of the Senate—on arriving at Danville found that Salisbury was the family burial place, and they accompanied the remains here. They were met by Mayor Neave and the Commissioners, who immediately took charge of the remains. The legislative committee were required to be back in Richmond on Monday morning and they accordingly returned Sunday night.

It is supposed that paralysis of the heart caused the death of Dr. Keen. He had been complaining for several days. His funeral took place from the Presbyterian church here on last Monday at 2 o'clock. The face plate of the casket was removed and many friends of the deceased looked upon his face for the last time. Dr. Keen lived in Salisbury some eight or ten years, and was generally esteemed. He was a progressive, enterprising man, engaged while here in the manufacture of tobacco. He was twice elected mayor of Salisbury, and made an acceptable and efficient chief officer. His many relatives and friends here mourn his loss.

Considerable damage was done at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, by drift ice. Light-houses, buoys, pilot boats and schooners were carried away by the ice. The Wilmington Star says some of the fields of ice were half a mile square, and from four to five inches thick. It must have been the coldest weather Wilmington has known for many years.

A Live Correspondent. ITEMS FOR THE WATCHMAN: On Sunday 17th a very large crowd amused themselves by running races on the ice in the river below Bringle's ferry. The small boys played hide and seek behind the icebergs. After which Solomon Eagle and E. J. Buchanan measured the river. The ice is from one to two feet thick. This cold spell will long be remembered.

Pool, N. C. Rowan Co. [This is what may be called a live correspondent. He does not sign his name to his communication, probably because he fears an iceberg would fall on him. It must have been fearfully cold for the children on the ice. Was it really drift ice piled up, or has the correspondent only been dreaming? do tell your name next time. Facts should be accompanied by the writer's name, in fiction it is different.—Ed]

BLACKMER, N. C., Jan. 18, 1886. Editor Watchman: In your last issue you state that Mr. Best, of Hellig's Mill, takes the cake for big hogs. You are mistaken by about 61 pounds. Mr. J. Rowan Davis, of Steele township, still clings to the "cake," having killed a Jersey red in November which balanced the beam at 669 net—gross about 750; length 7 feet 9 inches, girth 7 feet 3 inches. Mr. Best is an uncle of Mr. Davis' wife, and may have the honor of his son's display of strength in carrying his heavy hog, but he should have "tackled" Mr. D's porker if he wanted to display his manhood.

Yours truly, STEELE.

LIST OF LETTERS. List of letters remaining in post office at Salisbury, N. C., for the week ending Jan. 18th, 1886.

Wilson Arrey, Augustus Barringer, Julius Bringle, Ella Bell, Helen Bowles, Benj. Blackwell, L. M. Barber, Fanny Brown, D. L. Brown, Jenny Bringle, C. W. Shimpoch, Lucia Cobb, Susan Duncan, Jamie Edgington, Caroline Fisher, John Freese, M. A. Foster, Lizze Felt, Marshall Hunt, W. D. Haynes, William Hays, W. B. Hart, A. D. Johnston, Wilson Keeler, Sarah B. Lee, Julia McCubbin, Jessie McCallum, Maria McConaughy, Sallie McKenzie, James Miller, Fannie Pettit, Samuel Roundtree, Thos. Ruffy, Harry J. Rumbough, Christina Stanley, C. W. Shimpoch, Elar Shannert, Charles Shackelford, M. J. Snow, Prof. J. A. D. Stevenson, James Shaw, J. D. Smith, William Smith, Rufus Smith, Ferlie Smith, Silas Thompson, Jas. P. Treadler, Julia Young, Mollie Koon.

Please say advertised when the above letters are called for.

A. H. BOYDEN, P. M.

MINING DEPARTMENT.

T. E. BRUNER, EDITOR.

The mining editor returns thanks to Prof. C. U. Shepard, of Washington City, for a copy of his interesting monograph on "Aerolites," read before the Connecticut Academy of Sciences. It is an absorbing paper, and is characteristic of the profound and scholarly author.

Steele Mine. The Steele mine, which changed hands recently, is now the scene of much activity. Arrangements are being made to work the property on a large scale. Some of the machinery will be in motion soon.

Big Russell Mine. is now yielding from eight to nine thousand dollars per month. This ought to make a dividend paying mine, and will be judiciously managed. The Coggins and other properties are active. Montgomery is coming to the front.

Bright Mine. The New York owners have leased a portion of this mine to some parties who are working it and are getting very favorable reports as to the value of the ore.

The activity of our Montgomery mines is known in New York. The Ophir mine, adjoining, is also being worked with favorable indications.

Useful Minerals. In continuation of the series began in last paper, a few more of the useful minerals and the localities where they may be found are given below:

RUTILE. has a hardness of from 6 to 6.5; specific gravity 4 to 4.5 and consists of titanium, six parts, to four of oxygen. Rutile is tetragonal in crystallization and has several uses. It enjoys a limited use in porcelain painting, and occasionally as a gem. Gems cut from perfect specimens have a lustre and color resembling the black diamond. Sagenite is acicular crystals of rutile meshed in a matrix of limpid quartz, and the finer specimens are much sought for use as gems and for cabinet specimens. Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Iredell counties produce the finer specimens.

PYROLUSITE is the black oxide of manganese and the crystals are orthorhombic. It has a hardness of 2 to 5.5; specific gravity of 4 and is composed of about sixty parts of manganese to forty of oxygen. It is used in the manufacture of glass to beautify or discharge undesirable tints from the material, and is also used in the preparation of commercial oxygen for illuminating purposes. No large deposits of pyrolusite have yet been located in this State, yet the mineral exists in more or less abundance in Cabarrus, Catawba and in several of the extreme western counties.

ZIRCON has a hardness of 7.5; specific gravity 4 and sometimes more; crystals tetragonal. Zircon is essentially silica and zirconia, thirty-three parts of the former to sixty-seven of the latter. Some of the clearer colors, brown, red, and yellowish tints are used as gems and are known among jewelers as byacinth. It is abundant in this State. Burke, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, Caldwell, McDowell, and other counties furnish ample fields for gathering it.

ALLANITE is not a rare mineral in this State. It has a hardness of 5.5 to 6; specific gravity 3 to 4; is monoclinic in crystallization. It is similar to epidote in composition but with the addition of many related elements. Prof. Kerr analyzed a specimen which contained (quantities omitted) silicic acid, alumina, ferric oxide, ferrous oxide, manganous oxide, cerous oxide, didymous and lanthanous oxides, yttria, magnesia, lime, soda, potash, and water. It is found in Buncombe, Mitchell, Iredell, and other counties.

Kyanite is triclinic; hardness 5 to 7; specific gravity 3.5 and is composed of one part of silica to two of alumina. It belongs to the mica and hornblende schists common in the western part of the State and may be called abundant. It is sought as cabinet specimens, and is occasionally used as a ring stone. The crystals are white, gray, and several shades of blue.

Suggestions and Facts. [Continued.] After leaving Fraley's mountain in the lower S. E. corner of the county and going up the river, or in N. W. course across the country, and immediately at the foot of the mountain, Ryals creek is crossed. Adjacent to, and also in the bed of this creek, at the upper end of M. C. Morgan's land is a fine placer prospect. In the summer-time when the creek is low, by moving the large rock in the bed of the creek, some very handsome nuggets have been panned; there is also, grit on west side of the creek that has been worked to some limited extent and which would pay. The trouble here is that there is not fall enough in the creek, it being near the river, and back water interferes with the washings. It is very plain where this gold comes from, as but little or none is found above this point, and just here is where some of the principal veins from the mountain cross the creek as indicated from their course and outcrops. This is worth looking into.

Continuing across country to the hill above M. C. Morgan's house, is a very large outcrop of quartz, which to all appearance indicates the point of cross veins. Free gold is found in panning the surface. West of this point and on Morgan's land are several large quartz veins running parallel, these veins cross the river at, or near the mouth of Ryals creek, and continue their course about

S. 37 1/2 W. on through J. W. Miller's, H. W. Miller's, Amy Miller's, Conrad Miller's, and on into Stanley. They carry gold. Some carry galena, and copper is evidently present in depth.

The surface here is considerably undulating, and with the bold outcrops of the veins; all that is needed to make this section a live mining camp, is the pick, shovel and wheel. The little work that has been done, shows the veins to be large. Assays and pannings show the ore will pay. These locations can be had easily and cheap. All the steam power needed would be for pumps and hoists, the ore could be cheaply tramped to the river, where at Mott's Falls, there is 30 feet fall in half a mile, and the river is about 150 yards wide. Dozens of mills could be built on each side of the banks, and thousands of horse powers be had at each mill. In one location a race has been dug, about 100 yards long; this, with a wing dam, three feet high and a hundred yards long would run half the river through the race, and more power could be had at a trifling cost than would be required to run a 1000 stamp mill. We often wonder why it is that such eligible locations for milling, such vast amounts of vein matter almost at the mill door, should go begging, while the prospector and capitalist go west. Is it because it is not known? We believe it, and hence shall continue to bring these and other equally valuable prospects to the world's attention.

CRANBERRY MINE. General Imboden, in an interview with the Industrial South, of Richmond, is reported as saying in connection with the Cranberry mine:

"I was there three or four weeks ago, and the superintendent told me their output this year would reach 500 tons a day. They could sell 700 tons daily. The ore is so rich in iron and free from phosphorus that it is shipped great distances to be mixed with hematites in the furnace, not only to improve the iron thus made, but to largely increase the product of the furnace using it, by the mechanical effect it has in keeping open the charge to permit the free passage of the blast and gases through the mass. These ores have been largely sent to Allentown and Harrisburg, Pa. They are used at the Crozer Furnace at Roanoke. They go to Chattanooga and Rockwood, Tenn., and to Cincinnati, Ohio, for distribution to the furnaces above that city in Kentucky and Ohio, and in the Hocking Valley."

South River Ripples. The ice-houses in this vicinity have been filled with better ice than ever before.

The store of Messrs. J. C. Foard & Fowler at this place is now kept by Mr. G. W. Fowler, Mr. A. M. Sullivan having gone to Salisbury.

The 6th month of school at South River Academy will commence next Monday. The attendance is good, and the school will continue until June.

The readers of the WATCHMAN at this office note with pleasure its improvement in its typographical appearance and in other respects. The entire ensemble, tout and all, very truly,

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The Winter of our Discontent and Dies Ira.

A THUNDERBOLT IN BLANKVERSE UPON THE BLANK-ED BLIZZARD SENT HERE FROM DAKOTA, ADDRESSED TO THE MAYOR OF FARGO, DAK.

Sir: I protest! Ten days ago I noted a weather dispatch which announced a blizzard as being en route southward and eastward, from Fargo, Dak. I noted it, and noting, I smiled; for I remembered the wild reaches of waste western wilderness and the hundreds of miles of sunny, climated South land which lay between you and us. Then, too, I suffered my mind to dwell complacently upon an eight ounce, fawn colored overcoat, a pair of gum sandals and some undressed kids which I had in store for heavy weather, while, from away down in the smiling depths of my soul, was wafted this gentle sentiment: Let her bliz. Forty-eight hours later I looked out of the house and got hit on the spine with something which I felt in my soul could be nothing less than the butt end of the boreal pole, while a fine driving snow, which felt like fanned, ground, assorted and bolted iceberg from the upper regions of the Yukon, powdering and dusting the universal universe. Wind: Wah! I should rather denominate it such. My hat flitted away down the street a block, four unicorns and a scruple at a jump, like a spring steel kangaroo with a wild horde of ravening dings astern. That wind folded my two ears back against my forehead, and until I had the appearance of a mule ready for business, or a jack ass rabbit preparing to get from hither to hence; twisted the second hand off my extension ribbed, stem winding compass, and ripped the tail feathers out of my last dollar's spread eagle bird until it wouldn't pass for more than 76 cents, and take it in sway backed cord wood. That night the mercury fell down in the basement of the thermometer and lay there like a lonesome buckshot which had been incapacitated by hard treatment and chillblains. However, so far as that thermometer is concerned, after the way it frisked and gambled about in the upper nineties all through the long summer days, I don't care a chickadee how much poetic justice it catches. I want to be considered as wording this protest, from exorbitant peroration and back again, in and because of, my own behalf and behoof and upon the distinctly egoistic grounds of subsidiary interest. Men of Dakota! What is there in life to attract when one must hold a red-hot sad iron to his stomach in order to keep his freshly eaten dinner from freezing so tight as to upset the back saw edge of his digestive apparatus? What are we here for, when a doughnut and a mule shoe, an apple and a brass door knob, and an orange and a grapeshot are all one; when you can't draw a dividing line between a sticky and a section of ball chain or a slice of bread and a foot aze. Great Scott! Men of Fargo, have you lost your last bowl of compassion? Swathe me in the arctic circle and give me my habitation under aurora, along with the tusked walrus and the flightless dodo, but put me if I appear a trifle shy of the blizzard fresh from Fargo.

Gentlemen, when next you are ready to build one of em—of the choice razor steel, diamond edge compensation lump, hump backed variety, and turn the tameless, legless creation loose upon our desolate, wintry and snow country, if you will signal me slightly in advance, my next will be dated from the tropic of Capricorn—unless shot by telegraph; or else I will undertake to execute to you a quit claim fee simple, locus in quo ne exeat regno deed, in the entire ensemble, tout and all.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

ROWAN COUNTY IN THE SUPREME COURT.

John A. Boyden, Plaintiff, against The E. M. Birdsall Company Defendant. To the defendant above named: Take notice that the plaintiff above named has commenced a civil action against you to recover the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars, for breach of contract; and you are hereby required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court, to be held for the County of Rowan, at the Court House in the Town of Salisbury, on the 22nd Monday before the 1st Monday in March, 1886, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff. And you are further notified that a warrant of attachment has been entered against your property, which said warrant is returnable at same time and place J. M. HORAH, Clk of the Superior Court of Rowan Co. 13:6w.

Cut This Out and take it with you when you sell your tobacco at the FARMER'S WAREHOUSE, Salisbury, and it will be good for one year's subscription to COUNTRY HOMES, free of charge. Good during the month of February.

Cut This Out and take it with you when you sell your tobacco at the FARMER'S WAREHOUSE, Statesville, and it will entitle you to one year's subscription to COUNTRY HOMES, free of charge. Good during the month of February. 13:4t.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

2081 1-2 ACRES. Under and by authority of a Consent Decree of Rowan Superior Court made at November Term, 1886, I will offer at public sale at the Court House door in the town of Salisbury, ON MONDAY the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 1886, the following described tracts of land, formerly owned by Wm. S. Macay, Esq., situated in Rowan County.

Lot No. 1. Adjoining the corporate limits of the Town of Salisbury, and the lands of W. T. Thomson, M. L. Holmes and others, containing 17 1/2 acres.

Lot No. 2. Adjoining the above described Lot No. 1 and the lands of W. P. Thomson and Edwin Shaver and others, containing 18 acres.

Lot No. 3. Adjoining the lands of Edwin Shaver, and lying between the Statesville public road and the W. N. C. R. R., near the corporate limits of