

PERSONS writing for information on matters advertised in this paper will please say "advertised in the Watchman."

Subscription Rates.

The subscription rates of the Carolina Watchman are as follows: 1 year, paid in advance, \$1.50

Court at Lexington this week. Farwell to good roads till spring.

The cold weather has caused an advance in the price of wood.

The bad weather has interfered with the cotton receipts this week.

Dealers in boots and shoes here, have been getting rid of their goods in a hurry this week.

Turkeys are plentiful and are about as cheap in the way of a meat supply as chickens or beef.

There is one place in town that is kept comfortable day and night, that is the rooms of the "Old Hickory Club."

The bulk of the mail matter received at the postoffice here from the north, comes on the 11 o'clock a. m. train.

The recent snow interfered with the railroad schedules to some extent first of the week. The trains are now coming in on time.

Many a porker squealed his last squeal this week and man's digestive apparatus is called upon to perform double duty for awhile.

Snow fell here to the depth of about 5 inches last Saturday and Sunday. Something unusual in this climate thus early in December.

REGISTER, and get ready for the Railroad Election on the 21st December. It is a day of great importance to Rowan.

In less than two years from the first day of January, 1887, there will be a railroad from Salisbury to the sea direct, if the voters of Rowan county vote for it on the 21st December.

Last Sunday was a most disagreeable day. The congregations at the different churches were exceedingly small. About night-fall the wind rose, and blew a regular gale till after midnight.

Public Speaking at Bosts steam mill, Friday December 17th 1886, at 12 o'clock p. m. at which time and place Luke Blackmer and J. S. McCubbin, Sr. will fully explain the Railroad subscription.

The Rev. J. T. Bagwell was tried before the Methodist Conference in session at Reidsville this week, for immorality and was expelled. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

A gin house three miles from town, belonging to Alex Hartman was burned, and with it about 6 thousand pounds of loose cotton, last Saturday. Some one struck a match in the house for the purpose of lighting a pipe, when, through carelessness, it was allowed to come in contact with loose lint, enveloping the interior in flames in a few seconds. This should teach somebody a lesson.

This is the season of the year when the farmer who has given a mortgage on his crop, has to settle up; and it is now that he begins to realize the disastrous results attending the mortgage system. Liabilities of this character must be met, whether the crops have been good or bad, and in many instances great sacrifices have to be made in order to get square.

"Old Arch," the large horse that has drawn the Express wagon about town for a number of years, died Sunday night with "lockjaw," caused by treading on a nail which penetrated his foot.

The Southern Express Company have had several fine horses here since the war, but none as valuable for express services as old Arch. He had more sense than some of his drivers.

The Winston Sentinel of last week rehearsed the various lines of railroads that are being projected in North Carolina, and he-moaned the fact that the business men in Winston are so inactive in railroad matters. It claims that, had the proper encouragement been given, the new road from Smithville on the coast of North Carolina to Bristol, Tenn., (Atlantic & Northwestern) would have been located by Winston. Winston has nothing, if not the good wishes for its future from Rowanites; but if proper encouragement was what was needed to secure the great trunk line from the mountains to the sea, which will be built through this county, then we are glad it was withheld.

Stoves and Heaters.

Foster's stove has given fresh impetus to the stove and heater business, and quicken the energies of dealers in that line of goods. Williams Brown declares he has the prettiest, best and the cheapest wood or coal burners in this part of the State, and is calling in passers to examine, admire, and buy them. Baker & Neave are following in our wake when we disputed Foster's prediction about the stove. They say they know as much about stoves and heaters as Will Brown, and that they can beat the hind sights off him every time. And so they have it. Those who want goods in this line are advised to call on these gentlemen, for they are well stocked; and as the season is somewhat advanced, will doubtless give bargains.

Religious services have been held in the Presbyterian church every evening this week. The Rev. Mr. Davnil, of Durham, is assisting the pastor. The meetings will continue through the remainder of the week, and on Sunday next communion services will be observed.

T. K. Bruner.

This gentleman having been appointed Acting Secretary of the State Department of Agricultural, vice Mr. Wilson, resigned, entered upon the duties of the office Monday last. His correspondents will hereafter address him at Raleigh, N. C.

We shall feel the loss of him as associate editor of this paper, more sensibly than any one else, perhaps; but his numerous friends in the habit of calling on him here, will also realize the loss with regrets.

Posting Lands.

Many farmers in this county have posted their lands and others are doing so. They all complain of trespassers—trespassers in cutting down timber trees, opening fences, making paths or roads across fields, of hunting in their woods with terriers, killing birds, &c.

These are only annoyances, in some instances; but in others, real damages to land owners, for which they can recover damages when they can identify the offenders. We advert to the subject at this time to suggest that the members of the next legislature should review the laws on the subject with particular reference to their efficiency, and to supply any defects that may exist in them. The evil ought to be abated, and the law simplified, and perhaps brought under the jurisdiction of a magistrate, if it is not already so.

For the Watchman.

Rotation in Office.

Messrs. Editors:—I beg leave to express through your columns, my hearty concurrence on the views expressed in your last issue, by your correspondent over the non de plume of "Rotation," and I feel sure he expresses the sentiment of a very large number of the democratic voters of Rowan. The people are really becoming not only tired, but disgusted, with the present state of things. Like "Rotation," we have not a word to say against our present county officials.

Our mind reverts back with mortification to the manner in which an excellent and popular young man was once treated. We refer to Capt. Coughenour. He beat his opponent in the convention at the time incumbent, cried "not fair," and ran as an "independent," and was elected. Again, in later times, a most excellent man defeated the incumbent in the Sheriff's office in the convention. But the old Sheriff cried "unfair" and ran and was elected. Two years thereafter, the same thing occurred, and again the incumbent was again elected. Such occurrences are not calculated to strengthen, but demoralize any party that tolerates them, and it is within the personal knowledge of the writer, that the cases above mentioned did weaken the party, and drive out of its ranks, a number of good men; and who can think strange, that such would be the result of such treatment? The aspirants alluded to, were fully as competent as the old incumbents, and who will undertake to say that they were not fully as good as the aspirants to the offices sought. It is always to be assumed that when two or more persons aspire to a nomination by a convention, that each aspirant will endeavor to assemble his full strength in said convention. But we have actually known men to absent themselves from a convention, simply because the friends of an aspirant were making strong efforts to nominate a man who was not their favorite, and then, when their favorite bolted, and cried "not fair," and ran as an independent, they too would join in the cry of "not fair," and support him. My idea is, and always has been, that the proper place to make the fight, is in the convention, and then, to vote for the nominee, whether he be our favorite or not.

Our school officials are all calling for a high grade of education, and our legislation of late years, is shaped with a view to such results. Our young men are being better educated, and hence, are better qualified for business than in former times.

We have a very large number of young men (old ones too) who are just as competent as any of the present incumbents in our county offices. But, if this "life term" system is to remain in vogue, what encouragement have our young men to try to qualify and make themselves for position? It is idle, it is ridiculous, and a slur upon our county and our people, to say that there are none others but the present incumbents qualified to fill their places. If this was really so, then it is high time we were beginning to train some others, because, some of the present ones are not young, and cannot live always. And we will here venture to say, that when they are called hence, their offices will move on as nicely as if they had never existed.

In nearly all political contests, there are some persons of such insatiable greed for office, that they are ever ready and willing to jeopardize the interests of their party, in order that they may gain positions. It is clearly the duty of all true democrats, to give all such persons the "go by." The writer of this seeks no public position nor would he accept any office in the gift of the people. He has had such things to satisfy him, but he can say without egotism, that with a few month's training, he could enter either of our Court House offices, and efficiently perform the duties pertaining thereto; and there are hundreds of others equally and fully capable of doing the same, and being fully satisfied of this, we like your correspondent "Rotation" of last week and hundreds of others, call for "rotation." It is fair, it is just, it is wise and politic. So let it be remembered. Yours truly, FRANKLIN.

Durham Recorder: Some of the insurance companies are catching "Hail Columbia" from some of those who lost in the late fire in Durham. These companies are being spotted by the friends of our unfortunate citizens.

To the Citizens of Rowan County.

SALISBURY, N. C. Dec. 9th, 1886.

On my arrival here, I found a rumor in circulation that the Railroad Company which I have the honor to represent, intend to build the South Atlantic and Northwestern Railroad through Rowan county with convict labor. It is very likely that the rumor emanates from parties who have heretofore clamored at the doors of the Legislature of your State at every session for convict labor and to a considerable extent succeeded in their efforts in this direction and built their lines of Railroad in your State largely with this class of labor.

To the ordinary mind it would seem somewhat strange that some people all at once become so solicitous of the interest and welfare of the laboring men of Rowan county, when as every opportunity that presents itself, lose sight of all interest in the dear laboring men by employing convict labor. I feel confident that the laboring men of Rowan will see the matter in its true light. We have no convict labor at our command and know of none in the future. If the people of Rowan desire our road to be built through their county, and so express themselves by their votes no convict labor will be employed.

Very Resp't. Yours, J. B. Billheimer, Contractor S. A. & N. W. R. R.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Harriet E. Thomason, relict of the late John Thomason, formerly of Rowan, but late of Catawba county, was born March 1st 1828, and died (of pneumonia) at her residence, four miles North West of Newton, on the 3rd December, inst, aged 58 years, 9 months and 2 days, leaving 5 sons, 3 daughters, several grandchildren, 1 brother 2 sisters and many relations to mourn her loss.

The deceased was a daughter of the late David and Eleanor Fraley (who resided many years, four miles North of Gold Hill), and a sister to W. R. Fraley, Esq., of Franklin township. At an early age (under the administration of the late Rev. John Lantz) she connected herself with the "Lower Stone," German Reformed church, and remained a consistent member of that branch of the Christian Church, up to the time of her death.

At the youthful age of 20 years, she married John Thomason, on the 30th June 1848, and resided with him in Franklin township until 1849, when she remained with him to Arkansas. After remaining there for one year, they removed to Catawba county, N. C. where her husband purchased the farm on which she resided until her death. Her husband having died, she was left a widow for a number of years. By energy, prudence and industry, she succeeded in raising her 8 children, nearly all to maturity, three of whom are married.

Through her excellent example, her children all grew up to be industrious, and she leaves them in the possession of the heritage of a good name, and of abundant means for their comfort and support.

Her remains were interred at St. Paul's German Reformed church, on the 4th December. W. R. F.

A correspondent in the North Carolina Presbyterian, speaking of Southern Methodism, says: "Its growth in number has been rapid. If we mistake not, after the war its membership was between 400,000 and 500,000; it is now 900,000, or in round numbers 1,000,000 white members. During the last four years its net gain was 130,000; that is, it has added on a number equal to the whole Southern Presbyterian Church. There is hardly a doubt that within the next generation it will number 2,000,000. In the Birmingham (Ala.) District, in one year, nineteen new churches were built. Around one of our smaller churches in South Carolina in the course of a few years four new churches were organized and buildings erected. The "log houses" of the primitives have given way to the largest and handsomest of brick churches in the land. The preachers are now largely college graduates. Each State has its Methodist college with 100 to 300 students, and its university is among the best endowed in the land. The Theological Hall has fifty to seventy-five young preachers. In the Southwest it controls a very large proportion of the female colleges. Bishop Hendrix, recently elected, is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, New York. The church is progressive in every department.

The regular army officers who have been examining the militia of the States and territory have reported, commending the efficiency of the respective organizations. They think, however, that the armed militia of the country would be doubled if Congress would appropriate annually a much larger sum to be distributed among the States for improved arms and accoutrements. In the latter case it is estimated that the militia would consist of 300,000 well drilled men who could be called into active service at a moment's notice, and would be almost as effective at the outset as the regular. Goldboro Messenger.

LIST OF LETTERS.

- List of letters remaining in post office at Salisbury, N. C., for the week ending Dec. 4, 1886. Netty McCauny, Sophia Carter, Fern McClure, John M. Core, John McDaniels, Dave Bust & Fink, John McCree, J. D. Frost, Emma Harris, J. D. Frost, James Smith, Daniel Featherston, A. L. Smith, Emma Fair, C. D. Peeler, Sarah Jane Foil, L. M. Peeler, Mammie Gordon, G. W. Jacobs, Ella Green, W. B. Miller, W. A. Graham, Lullinia Allison, Alexander Graham, Chas. A. Beaver, Thomas Graham, Robert Carter, Halton Berry and Means, Reuben Clarke, John W. Moore, Washington Clark, J. P. Pierce, F. M. Hiltshouser, R. E. Powell & Co, Sherman Hue, Rev. R. A. Smyke, Charles Holland, J. M. Seago, John L. Jacobs 2, Thos. M. Stemmons, F. L. Johnson, Rufus A. Sumrow, C. Long, J. Sackary, Miss Matilda, A. H. Moore, W. H. Watkins, J. T. Maley, Nancy Watson, J. M. Core & A. H. Moore, John S. Watson, M. J. Owens & M. Agner, A. S. Turner, John K. Potts. Please say advertised when the above letters are called for. A. H. BODDEN, P. M.

MINING DEPARTMENT.

T. K. BRUNER, EDITOR.

Notice.

Superintendents and other correspondents who have been sending mining notes to the editor of this department, are requested to send such notes to him at Raleigh, N. C. They are particularly urged to send within the next ten days any news of purchases, sales, new finds, character and depth of underground workings, new machinery, &c., that the present status of the work in North Carolina may be collated and given to the public by the first of the coming new year. The mining department of the WATCHMAN has gained many friends during this year, and we hope by keeping a correct record of what is going on in the State, to increase the present usefulness of the paper in that direction. Note the change of address and send any information pertinent to mining to T. K. Bruner, Raleigh, N. C.

EMERALD AND HIDDENITE MINE.

Prof. W. E. Hidden who has been operating the Emerald and Hiddenite mines in Alexander county, N. C., reports the finding of several "pockets" or cavities in the formation which have yielded a number of gems, the finest of them being the hiddenite, i. e. emerald green variety of spodumene. The ground in this locality yields large quantities of quartz crystals, most of which are found loose in the soil. These crystals are more or less modified and are generally found in clusters or "pockets" as miners call these places. In going over the surface Prof. Hidden observes these crystals and notes the modifications, color and other characteristics; for they serve him as a guide. By continued and careful investigation he has become so familiar with these crystals and their associations that he can tell whether he is going to find undergrowth limpid beryls, rich green emeralds, or emerald green hiddenites.

Among the recent finds there are some exquisite hiddenites of the proper depth and richness of color. At this same locality some extraordinary garnets have been found. They are exceeding brilliant and are nearly as rich and flashing as the ruby.

SOUTHERN MINES.

Mr. R. P. Waring, the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office, at Charlotte, N. C. has made to Hon. James P. Kimball, Director of the mint, a report of the mines and mining in the Appalachian Range, which includes the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Speaking in a general way of the situation in North Carolina he truly says: "Greater attention was paid to the treatment of ores, and decided progress was made in the methods of concentration and in mill amalgamation. The chlorination works of the State were vigorously operated, and offered, and still offer, a home market for concentrates and other moderate or high grade auriferous sulphures, and at prices allowing a considerably larger margin to the miner." A little further on he alludes to the English capital employed in North Carolina, in the following manner: "Considerable English capital is now invested in North Carolina and under fairly favorable conditions, except that here as elsewhere the mines have been put on the market at too 'high prices.' This is very true and is mildy, if not really understated. With a knowledge of some of the transactions which have been conducted between American and English promoters, it is astonishing that any American, and especially any Southern mining property, could be floated at any price in England or France. In almost every instance where Southern mines or forest lands have been placed on a foreign market, four or five prices have been asked. The weakness of frail human nature to resist a temptation to acquire a large sum, even in a questionable way, has generally been illustrated most happily by the 'experts' who do the work of examination and prepare the reports. No matter if he be American or English, he generally makes more money than such heavily burdened miners produce—above interest on investment and cost of production.

Mr. Waring then offers the following statistics, which are reproduced as of general interest to all who are interested in Mining in the South: PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN N. C. FOR 1885.

Table with 2 columns: County, Value in Dollars. Includes Buncombe (250), Anson (20,000), Burke, McDowell and Rutherford (13,000), Cabarrus (1,000), Caldwell, Catawba & Cherokee (1,000), Davidson (2,500), Franklin, Nash & Warren (1,000), Gaston (1,000), Granville (1,000), Guilford (4,000), Mecklenburg (16,000), Montgomery (8,000), Moore (1,000), Polk (4,500), Randolph (60,000), Rowan (6,000), Stanly (2,500), Union (1,000), Miscellaneous (2,000). Total: 174,750.

The Silver contents of the entire product approximates \$2,750. Number of men regularly employed, 698. Number of men employed at intervals, 100. Number of Stamps in use, 450. " " Chillian and other mills, 17. Number of Metallurgical establishments, 2. The detailed statement of work will begin at a future time, and also some reference to the work as it relates to the other States named.

CATARH IS NOT A BLOOD DISEASE.

NO MATTER WHAT parts it may finally effect, catarrh always starts in the head, and belongs to the head. There is no mystery about the origin of this direful disease. It begins in a neglected cold. One of the kind that is "sure to be better in a few days." Thousands of victims know how it is by sad experience. Ely's Cream Balm cures colds in the head and catarrh in all its stages. Not a snuff nor a liquid.

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JOHN WILKES, MANAGER.

MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND In Scotch Irish Township, Saturday Dec. 18, 1886.

A tract of land belonging to Julius Wilson, consisting of fifty-one acres, more or less, will be sold at public sale at the Courthouse door in Salisbury on Monday the 2d day of January 1887, to satisfy the provisions of a mortgage given to Wm. W. Mott, Sept. 4th, 1886, and registered in Book 2, page 891, Register's office of Rowan county. This tract adjoins the lands of Burton Montgomery, Scott Turner, Isaac Lowery and Margaret Adie and Polly Wilhelm. Sale will take place at 12 o'clock M. Terms Cash. Wm. W. MOTT, 6:1m. Nov. 18, 1886.

NOTICE!

All persons indebted to me by account, note or mortgage, that has been standing some time, will please come forward and settle the same; Will take cotton and produce at market prices in payment. R. J. HOLMES.

FOR SALE OR RENT

3 Small Houses. Apply to J. S. McCUBBIN, Sr. April 1st, 1886. 84:tf

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