

News items by this morning's mail have excluded several contributions for this issue.

Easter comes on 10th April.

Hon. John S. Henderson returned from Washington on Tuesday.

There is now a fast train on the W. N. C. R. R. from this place to Morristown.

An elevator now adds to the convenience of Miller & Robertson's tobacco factory.

Tobacco sales have been pretty brisk this week, and some heavy lots have changed hands at fair prices.

Mr. J. A. Clodfelter has ordered for the Lutheran Church here an ornamental portable pulpit, chairs and other church furniture.

The stand pipe will be erected about one mile from town on an eminence lacking but four feet of being as high as the public square.

Only two weeks left for sportsmen to get in their work, as the season for hunting birds terminates, according to law, on 1st April.

Mr. J. H. Mills, Supt. of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville will speak in the Baptist church Sunday night on Gospel Charity. Come and hear him.

About sixty hands with gleaming picks and shovels are digging the trenches for the water pipes on Fulton streets this morning. More hands are wanted.

Messrs. V. Wallace and M. S. Brown are on their semi-annual trip North, in the interest of their customers. New goods and plenty of them in a few days.

The prevalence of measles interfered somewhat with the Sundays schools several weeks; but the usual number were in attendance at the various schools last Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Roueche, who has been spending some days in New York, will return this week. Mrs. Roueche is better prepared than ever to conduct her Dress-making business.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid of Boston, Mass., who have for several years spent a part of the winter and early spring in Salisbury, arrived last week, and are stopping with Mr. Abbott.

Miss Jennie Coffin, of Raleigh, is visiting friends and relatives here. It was with a great deal of reluctance that Salisbury yielded one of her most popular young ladies to Raleigh.

We copy the report of a railroad accident in Massachusetts. It is a vivid description of the scene, and as such, instructive of the horrors which nearly always attend such accidents.

"Rowan Real Estate Advertiser," is the title of a new monthly by Mr. J. M. Ho. It is devoted to the subject indicated by its name, and will no doubt facilitate the sale of properties both in town and county.

Some interest is shown here now towards improving the appearance of store rooms.

A handsome store room, with goods well displayed, never fails to attract attention, and always gets trade when there is any about.

The water pipes are being placed along the streets through which the main is intended to run. The size, thickness, and weight of the pipes, explains why the system of Water Works should cost so much money.

It comes from a reliable source, that a joint stock company is being formed here to light Salisbury by the system of electric light. It is to be hoped that it will be done, as we are in need of more light just now.

The fence recently put around the Graden School property is a decided improvement. There should be a good pavement along the new street, on the east side of the building, for the convenience of the children.

The bubble party given to the little folks on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Chas. Price at her residence, was well attended. Archibald Henderson and Callie Ford sent off the largest bubbles and were awarded the cake.

The Medical Society of Rowan met at the Mayor's office last Saturday, according to appointment. A Constitution and By Laws were adopted. An interesting paper was read by Dr. Ramseur; and Dr. Poole was appointed to prepare an essay to be read at the next meeting, which was fixed for the first Saturday in July.

The first fishing party of the season, consisting of half dozen or more gentlemen, who left here headed for Mr. Frank Brown's in Davie county, where they troubled the waters of the Yadkin, but in vain did they set a net for a bustle of fish, the quantity agreed upon. Of course, they only went for fun and found it. So far as catching fish was concerned the usual luck prevailed.

The Winston Sentinel of last week publishes an appeal to the citizens of Winston to organize a Building and Loan Association, and as an argument in favor of the move, quotes from the WATCHMAN some of the benefits that Salisbury has derived from this deservedly popular institution here. The Association has been in existence only one year, instead of two as stated by the Sentinel. The second year promises greater things for Salisbury, through this medium, than was done the first year. It is a grand success here.

Mr. Burlingame has been surveying, for several days, with a view of settling permanently upon a location for establishing the plant for the Water Works. He has decided to go to Crane Creek, southeast of town, instead of Grant's Creek, heretofore spoken of. This gives universal satisfaction, as the waters of Crane Creek are known by everybody to be the purest and best for all purposes anywhere in this region of country.

A supply of water, under pressure, will enable those of our citizens, who have an ornamental turn of mind, to make their premises more attractive by fountains, sprinklers, &c. Theo. F. Klutz & Co. will add to the appearance of their Drug Store, by running a spray fountain of natural water on top of a fountain of Soda Water, or a natural water fountain above a soda water fountain. The former to attract attention and admiration, the latter to attract the children.

Frost. A citizen of the Heilig's Mill section of the county, reports that the cold weather of Tuesday morning killed the peach blossoms in that neighborhood. There was ice formed in exposed situations here, but it is thought no serious damage was done to the fruit trees in town lots.

Oxford in Ashes. Half of the business part of Oxford, N. C., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Twenty-three firms were burnt out. Loss estimated at \$100,000. Great excitement, and the people think they can lay hands on the guilty parties. The negroes behaved badly, even refusing to work for pay.

Sudden Death. Our community was shocked this morning by the announcement that Mrs. DR. WHITEHEAD, relict of the late Dr. M. Whitehead, died at her residence last night, at 10 o'clock. There was no previous illness known, and the sad event was due to some heart disease. The deceased was highly esteemed by the community in which so large a part of her life was spent, and her sudden removal has touched almost every heart.

Y. M. C. A. Mr. Williams, Secretary of the State Y. M. C. A., addressed a good congregation last night at the Presbyterian church in the interest of the organization recently formed here. His address was highly interesting, and was very attentively listened to. At its conclusion contributions on cards, to raise funds for the purpose of aiding the young men here in their benevolent and religious labors, were circulated, but we have not learned what amount was subscribed.

Robbery. On last Monday night about 10 o'clock Mr. Wyatt, a merchant of this place, was going home, when on council street opposite Miller & Robertson's tobacco factory, he overtook a man walking along slowly and spoke to him something about the weather. They walked along together. Mr. Wyatt thinks he was a little ahead when they reached the low place beyond the factory, but noticed the man came up even with him very quickly. Still he suspected nothing, and continued his way homeward. When opposite the gate which opens into Dr. Whitehead's carriage yard, the man, whom he judged by his manner of talking and gate to be a negro, sprang upon him, and with a rock struck him a blow upon the back and side of the head, knocking him down, but giving him a second blow between the shoulders as he fell. Mr. Wyatt was knocked partially senseless and so dazed as to be unable to make an alarm till after his pockets were rifled of what money he had along with him, about three dollars, he thinks.

He very soon recovered sufficiently, however, to holler, and his cries were heard by Rev. Mr. Byrd, who boards at Mr. Bailey's, the nearest house, and who went to his rescue at once, finding him prostrated and bleeding profusely from his wounds. He succeeded in getting Mr. Wyatt home, a short distance away, and went immediately for Dr. Whitehead who pronounced him seriously hurt; consisting mostly in bruises about the head and face, those upon his face being caused by his falling face-downward upon some stones. Fortunately there were no bones broken, and Mr. Wyatt will soon recover, although he has suffered a great deal from the shock and wounds received. The night was too dark for Mr. Wyatt to recognize any one; but says the robber was rather tall, above the medium height, and his speech led him to believe that it was a negro.

Mrs. Wyatt says she heard some one running by the house about the time the cries of her husband were heard and went out Fulton street toward Col. Shober's. It is thought the attack was planned to be made in the hollow at the time the supposed negro mended his pace to get up with Mr. Wyatt. Had it occurred then, there is no doubt but that the blow would have been given direct, and with such force as to have proved fatal, because, if the attack was planned beforehand, the assailant knew his ground, and was prepared to silence his victim.

Our citizens are, as a rule, discreet and even tempered, and are willing to let the law take its course in matters like this, but in this instance, with the excitement at fever heat, as it has been since the crime was committed, a suspicion even, would be sufficient to get up a first class lynching.

WANTED. Messrs. Crech & Co., of Raleigh, N. C., desire information of the relatives of Geo. C. Bruner, who went from this State to Texas, between 1850 and 1866.

The Water Works. Eighteen car loads of iron piping for our Water Works have arrived, and the work of laying the pipes will begin this week. Mr. Burlingame, who is engineer and superintendent of the company, is exercising great care in reference to the quality of the water to be supplied, and in this direction will probably abandon the purpose of tapping Grant's Creek, having, as he thinks, found far more desirable water within the same distance of town.

The contract requires the work to be finished by the 1st of June, so that we may expect it to be pushed with great energy, when once fairly begun. It is almost useless to say what every one admits, that this will be a great thing for Salisbury—greater by far than most of her citizens are now aware of. More water has been the crying need of the town through all her past history. In ordinary times there was no distressing scarcity, but whenever fire happened to break out, we were at the mercy of the flames for the lack of water. And yet, it may be truly said, that it required an intelligent and courageous Board of Commissioners to take up this subject in a truly business way. Other Boards, through many years, had talked about doing something to supply the pressing need, but it generally ended in talk, for none of them were ever willing to take the responsibility or had the courage of their convictions on the subject. True, none of them existed at a time when the prospects of the town were so bright, as within the last two or three years, or when the danger of delay involved the risk of so much valuable property. Nor, indeed, had the public mind matured on the subject; so that after all, former Boards were not seriously at fault by their delay. They did make at least one feeble attempt, which, had it proved equal to the wants of the town at that time, would be quite in equate now. We allude to the big well in the Public Square, which, however much sneered at, is indisputably valuable public property, or could be easily made so.

But to return to the present Board of Commissioners—we wish to record our thanks for the courage and judgment displayed by them on the water subject, and there is no doubt that their action will redound immensely to the interest, the comfort, and the prosperity of the town. And while we are recording, it affords us pleasure to present the names of those to whom hereafter will be conceded the honor of having devised so wisely for the welfare of the community, viz:

E. B. NEAVE, Mayor.

COMMISSIONERS: West Ward. { KERR CRAIG, Esq., R. J. HOLMES, North Ward. { P. P. MEBONEY, DAVID A. ATWELL, East Ward. { C. W. GATES, T. A. COUGHENOUR, South Ward. { D. R. JULIAN, J. G. BARRETT.

These are the "city fathers" to whom citizens are indebted for the most praiseworthy effort ever made to put the town on a good solid basis. Their administration of public affairs generally has been first rate throughout, and challenges the closest scrutiny. Public servants should receive cordial recognition for their faithfulness. The good words "well done" is not less their due than it is the duty and the pleasure of the public to award them. We have been informed that this Board will pay off all claims against the town before the expiration of their term, and that there will be sufficient funds in the treasury to meet the first payment on the Water Works, the first of next June. The finances of the town are in good condition, which proves that they have been carefully and accurately managed.

For the Watchman. Ed. Watchman.—Your correspondent from Bost's Mill seems to be down on tobacco. Well it is time for some to be down on 50 cent tobacco, but it ought to be the raiser; the writer of this is a raiser of tobacco but not of that 50 cent kind.

It is very strange, yet it is true, that a tobacco buyer is expected to pay more for an inferior article than a man in any other business. Why is it that our bad wheat last year sold at from 50 to 75 cents per bushel and our flour as low as \$1.65 per sack, or a farmers dirty cotton for 6 cents per lb. It is because it is worth no more, why just a few days ago I saw a neighbor sell a little one horse load of tobacco that brought \$71.00. Now that don't look like it will do to stop raising it. Buyers don't want to buy so much bad tobacco and you are right in what you said on the subject last week. As to it paying the speculator we all know a fat dealer can't take it, for the freight would be more than the tobacco would bring.

I have kept posted on other markets and am sure Salisbury is as high as any in the State.

I wonder if your Bost's Mill correspondent has ever took notice who it is that do the loudest swearing on the warehouse floor. My observant on has led me to believe it is those who were in the woods squirrel hunting or on the public square in Salisbury hugging your lamp posts or some other idleless when their neighbors were making their good tobacco. It is certain there is too much bad tobacco raised but there never will be a time that good tobacco will not bring more money for the amount of work than any crop I know anything about.

No matter how depressed business is, fine tobacco will always bring a good price. Yours truly FARMER.

Almost every newspaper in the country has been filled for some days with reports and speculations on the sale of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the Richmond & Danville. The Baltimore American comes up with the following—true or false, this paper says not:

WHAT WAS SOLD.—Just as was expected, it was the public, and not a railroad, that was sold. Now, then, for another alleged deal.

MINING DEPARTMENT

T. K. BRUNER EDITOR, RALEIGH, N. C.

Brewer Mills. This excellent property in Union county, is paying very well considering the amount invested in the plant.

They are only working a five-stamp mill, but they have as superintendent, Mr. Motz, who is one of the most careful, practical men engaged in mining in the South. He has fully demonstrated his ability to place the Brewer among the foremost producing mines of the country. Unfortunately he has not sufficient financial strength to enable him to bring out the best results, yet he deserves great credit for making the property pay with the present meagre equipment.

HEMBY MINE. The Hembly is also in Union county, and is running a ten-stamp mill, which is turning out fairly well. There is a large quantity of good grade ore on the property, but some difficulty is experienced in saving the gold. The trouble is by no means a new one in the State, and the matter should be looked after before the mine gives out. Would it not be well to closely concentrate the sulphides and ship them to the Yadkin Chlorination Works at Salisbury? The treatment there is reliable and the charges moderate.

HOWIE MINE. Work at the Howie mine is being pushed vigorously under the management of Mr. W. R. Reeve, of Boston. They are using the "Wiswell" mill, which is favorably thought of by some mill men. In fact, the company will put in another mill of this kind in a short time. Mr. Witherell, of Colorado, has lately arrived, and will take temporary charge of the milling. He is said to have had large experience with the "Wiswell mill" in reducing ores in the west, and claims that they are superior to stamps in every way. This will be news to many mill men in North Carolina—but if they can accomplish all that he claims for this mill, it will be to the interest of mining men to visit the Howie in Union county, and learn anew the lesson of "how to reduce ore."

ISENHOUR MINE. The native owners of the Isenhour mine, in Cabarrus county, but in the Gold Hill group, are working that property at a profit. They have only a chilian mill—a one-horse mill at that—yet they keep grinding the fine brown ore from near the surface. With this limited amount of work they turn out not less than \$20 per day, and accomplish it at a remarkably small outlay. They are, by this means, opening the property, adding to its value and increasing the amount of concentrating ore on the dump.

The great mass of the ore is an auriferous sulphide and the gold cannot be perfectly extracted without smelting or chlorinating. The material suitable for these purposes is carefully saved. Seven days work on this little mill has turned out 141 dwt. of fluxed gold. The property will in all probability be worked on an extensive scale soon. During the summer an extended plant may be set up.

SHUFORD GOLD MINE. The Shuford gold mine, in Catawba county, has long been known as a producer. For years it has been worked as a placer mine, in fact, operations of that character only ceased about two years since, when the sediment from the oft used water completely filled the pond, thus cutting off the water supply.

Supt. Hyser has, since that time, turned his attention to the study of the auriferous quartz veins which abound on the property. Many of these have been found—some of considerable size. The company has recently instructed him to put down a new shaft for deep mining—which probably means 200 or 300 feet deep. This action has been taken after mature deliberation and a patient investigation of the reports submitted by the superintendent. The company reasonably expects some fair remuneration for this new expenditure, and as Mr. Hyser has been a very careful man in the past, something practical is looked for in the future.

PLACER MINE SOLD. It is reported that the Ransom Bridge property, in Warren county, has gone into the possession of English capitalists for the sum of \$150,000. This amount of money should pay for a very good property.

LAND TRANSFER. It is stated upon good authority that something more than 30,000 acres of land, lying in Watauga and other counties in the Western part of the State, has been sold to Baltimore capitalists. There is said to be a large deposit of manganese on the property.

Zeb Items. Zeb, March 15, 1887. Ed. Watchman.—The Farmers Club met Thursday night (March 17).

Mr. W. T. Thomason has a number of cabbage plants set out. Thomason Bros' saw-mill can be heard from early till late.

Peach trees are blooming rapidly. The farmers of this section are out with mining tobacco, the prices being so low. They are giving their attention more to grain crops.

What has become of the railroad? We can hear nothing from it. H. C. L.

Campell & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS, Of Richmond, are in Salisbury for 20 days, and will make first class Photographs. They come well recommended, and as an inducement to advertise their work will give one 16x20 Portrait with every dozen Cabinet Photographs for \$5.00.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Farmers of Mill Bridge and vicinity: you need not go any further than J. Rowan Davis' store to get good goods of every thing you need and at town prices, thereby saving time lost during the busy season going to town. Time is money.

Talmage said in his lecture the other night that "the man who can sing and won't sing should be sent to Sing Sing." That would be too severe. It is the man who can't sing and will sing who should be sent to Sing Sing. P. S.—For 99 years.—Norristown Herald.

PHOTOGRAPHS. All wanting Photographs will do well to call at once. Photographs taken by the Instantaneous process, so don't forget the little ones, as I never fail to get a good picture of them. Gallery over Brown's Tin shop. W. J. STIMSON, Artist.

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