

Good time now to plant shade trees and trim others.

The tobacco men report big breaks and good prices prevailing.

Go to I. Blumenthal & Bro. for good and cheap goods. Cole's building.

Mrs. M. V. McEee and children, of Asheville, were in town this week.

On the first of February the charter of the Salisbury Gas Company will expire.

Mr. R. J. Holmes will administer on the estate of his brother the late M. L. Holmes.

No services were held in our churches Sunday night on account of the bad weather.

Northern Clover Seed, "Something Nice," for sale by Steere, Wells & Co., Druggists.

Mr. John Heilig lost one of a pair of valuable carriage horses on Tuesday. Cause not known.

The new Presbyterian chapel is now about completed and services will soon be held regularly therein.

Hurrah for Col. Billy Cowles! He carries the work of a man of courage on top of a brainy cranium.

Mr. R. Y. McAden, of Charlotte, was supposed to be dying when the Chronicle went to press this morning.

Hickory and Statesville are both to have electric lights, while Salisbury is still groping around in darkness.

Concord and Hickory still continue to boast of their new hotels. Good things are always worth telling about.

Our town tax collector only proposes giving the delinquent tax payers until the first of February to settle up.

Rev. Mr. Byrd, has returned from a short vacation and will preach to his congregation next Sunday morning and evening.

The reported sale of Connelly's Spring is incorrect. The Messrs. Meroney still hold the property, and will run it as heretofore.

The "opening ball" is now going on at Van Wyck's and will continue for thirty days. Read his new ad. and see the time he is dancing to.

The building on Fisher street formerly occupied by Wylie Dodge is being torn down and we understand will be replaced by buildings for offices.

We were glad to see Mr. John C. Miller, of Franklin township, who was confined to his bed several weeks with sickness; in town on Saturday.

Capt. G. W. Gates, late Master Mechanic of the W. N. C. Railroad shops at this place, we learn has accepted a position on the Atlantic Coast Line.

Pink Brown, one of the escaped prisoners from the Chattanooga jail for whom there was a reward offered, was captured here on last Saturday by Mr. George Shaver.

Mr. P. H. Thompson, whose foot was so severely damaged by a planer in his shops about two weeks ago, is doing pretty well under the professional care of Dr. John Whitehead.

Mr. McCubbin has introduced a bill in the assembly incorporating the Davis & Wiley bank, also a bill to alter and amend the Constitution of North Carolina in regard to elections.

An accident to a Northbound freight train at the river bridge last Sunday night, in which we understand a brakeman was seriously injured, delayed the southbound passenger train ten hours.

Mr. H. G. Tyson is opening a commission warehouse on the corner of Fisher and Church streets. Call and see him. He deals in country produce more or less of which is demanded by every family.

The country newspaper business is getting harder and harder. Subject to the commonly recognized law of trade, "buy where you can buy cheapest," it is only a question of time as between capital and machinery and bme and muscles.

Mr. S. A. Hughes has presented our office with a very pretty chromo of Mrs. Cleveland. Mr. Hughes is agent in this place for the Singer Sewing Machine, which has stood the test as a first class machine for 45 years and is to-day one of the best if not the best made.

A gentleman whose business has caused him to visit various cotton factories in the State, took a look at the Salisbury Cotton Mills one day this week and pronounced it the best equipped for the purpose that he has had the pleasure of inspecting. Everything is about ready for work now.

In nothing has the Western railroad shops, located at this place, been of more advantage to Salisbury and Community than in giving employment to young men disposed to work. Quite a number of natives of Salisbury are now filling positions of trust on the road and in the shops, at big pay, too, who did drudgery in the beginning at fifty cents per day.

Petitions were circulated here last week for Collector of Internal Revenue for this district in the interest of Mr. G. Bingham, of this place, and ex-Collector Cooper, formerly of Iredell, now of Transylvania county. The bone is theirs, or will be after the 4th of March, let them contend for it. It is none of our fight.

We are pleased to note that the "Boyd House" is now receiving a good share of the public patronage. No one will deny that for some years it has been under rather poor management and as a consequence lost most of its custom, but under the present proprietor is rapidly regaining it.

Our sympathies are extended to Prof. Mangum, of Chapel Hill, in his afflictions. For many years the WATCHMAN has had a staunch friend, and Salisbury a devoted admirer in Prof. Mangum. May he soon recover and resume his position at the University, one he has filled so acceptably for thirteen years.

Mr. M. O. Sherrill, Cashier of Collector Craige's office, says the Newton Enterprise, has become very expert in the detection of counterfeit money. During the month of December he took in over \$50,000 and did not have a cent of counterfeit money passed on him. Good authorities say this is a fine record.

The Salisbury delegation to the Confederate Veteran's Meeting on Tuesday (22d), left on Monday night for Raleigh. They were Rev. Mr. Tuttle and Messrs. William Kestler and M. O. Sherrill, the latter will represent Catawba, he having been until recently a citizen of that county. Sheriff Krider was also appointed to go but was detained by sickness.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Literary Societies of Wake Forest College, on the 15th Feb. proximo, at which time they will discuss the question—"Are the means of the present system of Free School in North Carolina sufficient to justify the State in supporting it." It will doubtless be an interesting occasion and will elicit a large attendance.

The first sleet of the winter came on Saturday night and till noon Sunday. Many limbs were broken and the trees marred thereby. A large elm tree immediately in front of Mr. R. J. Holmes residence was completely weighted down and fell with a crash into the street parallel with the pavement. The body and roots were found to be considerably decayed.

We hear of four candidates for the office of Postmaster at this place, to wit: Mr. Jas. H. Ramsay, John A. Ramsay, C. E. Mills, and Charley Bingham. Mr. Jas. H. Ramsay was Postmaster before the appointment of Mr. Boyden, the present incumbent, and was a very good officer.

Mr. James Lanier put up a canning factory here last spring and did a large amount of work in that line during the year. We have tested some of it, and take this occasion to bear testimony, with others, who have tried it, to the excellent quality of the goods he has placed on the market.

It is false economy to allow your sewing machine to be run when it needs cleaning or some little repairing, when you can have it renovated and new parts put in at a small cost, making it almost as good as new. Mr. M. L. Blackwelder of Concord, is in Salisbury and is preparing to overhaul machines and give them a thorough cleaning, supplying any parts of standard makes that may be broken or missing.

Mr. B. comes with the best recommendations from the people of Concord who he has served for years, and with a guarantee for all his work. He may be found at the Boyd House.

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Mr. Walter Buell, late city editor of the Detroit (Mich.) Free Press, arrived in this city Thursday from Detroit, having made the entire journey on horseback. He was accompanied by his friend Mr. Preston, and they left home about ten days ago. The route they decided upon was about the same as that taken by our townsman, Mr. Fred A. Hull, a few years ago, and the gentlemen declare their pleasure and appreciation of Western North Carolina scenery and climate in words of much praise. They are in search of health and recreation, and will travel extensively in the South, making their journey entirely on horseback. They go to Salisbury to-day—Mr. Preston being exceedingly anxious to visit the scene of his captivity during the little misunderstanding which occurred in this country some twenty five years ago. Spending a day or two in Salisbury the tourists will proceed further east in the State, finally entering Virginia at the North Carolina line. Then, after a trip through Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, they will return to Michigan. Mr. Buell will furnish the Free Press with sketches of his journey and descriptive of southern life and southern customs as they appear to him.—Asheville Citizen.

In the Senate on Tuesday the calendar being exhausted, the Senate took a recess until 11:55, when the body was called to order at 12 o'clock, m., proceeded to discuss the vote of the Senate for a United States Senator, Messrs. Emswiler, of Halifax, and Lusk, of Buncombe, being tellers on the part of the Senate.

Mr. P. O. Johnston, put in nomination for United States Senator, Hon. Matt W. Ransom. Messrs. Lucus, Blair and Moon, seconded the nomination of Gen. Ransom. Mr. Lusk, of Buncombe, nominated Col. O. H. Dockery, and Mr. Rice seconded the nomination. Upon the call of the roll the Senate cast its vote as follows: For Hon. Matt W. Ransom, 33; for Col. O. H. Dockery, 18; absent, 4.

In the House, the hour having arrived for the election of United States Senator the Speaker declared nominations in order. Mr. Lyon, of Bladen, placed in nomination the Hon. Matt W. Ransom, of Northampton. Mr. Z. V. Walsker placed in nomination Oliver H. Dockery. His remarks were read; eulogizing the Colonel, after which the Republicans applauded loudly.

Mr. Carter, of Buncombe, seconded the nomination of Hon. M. W. Ransom in a few remarks. He said: "Gen. Ransom had served already 18 years successfully and to the satisfaction of the people, not only of the State, but of the entire South. He has been a credit to the State and to the whole country. He had been successful by reason of his experience, his popularity and great ability. His popularity in the Senate will enable him to do more good than any other man that we could have selected."

Mr. Adams says the negro ran into the store mentioned, which is kept by a negro named Stephen Cook. Mr. Adams was, naturally, infuriated and ran into the store after the negro, who had committed this outrageous attack. Here, Mr. A. says, violent hands were laid upon him by Stephen Cook and his assistant, Geo. Floyd, colored, who threw him upon the floor and hallowed to the offender "git."

A negro named Dave Mason has been arrested and placed in jail upon the charge of having committed this cowardly and diabolical assault, and Floyd is being tried this afternoon before Justices Angier and Green.

Our people are very indignant over this outrage and if the guilty wretch had been found last night and speedily punished might have been visited upon him. We hope, however, as aggravating as the affair is, that the law will be permitted to take its course.

The little girl who was in a state of great nervous excitement for several hours during the occurrence, but we are glad to learn that her condition is more favorable to-day.

The directors of the Roanoke and Southern railroad held a meeting at the Hotel Normandie yesterday and awarded to Brown, Freely & Newby the contract to build twenty-nine miles of road from the North Carolina line to Walnut Cove. This makes forty-three miles Messrs. Brown, Freely & Newby have under contract for the Roanoke and Southern and they are pushing ahead with all possible speed. Track laying has begun between Walnut Cove and Winston and the grading of nineteen miles between those two points has been completed. From the Carolina line to Martinsville, a distance of fourteen miles and the heaviest part of the line, three-fourths of the work has been done.—Danville Register.

Gov. Seales' last official act, was the granting of pardons to three long term convicts in the penitentiary, all the pardons being granted for good reasons. The fortunate prisoners were Robert Long, of Stokes, crime, larceny, term, 20 years, time served, 8 years; Ransom James, of Davidson, crime, burning a mill, term 18 years, time served, 11 years; John Hodges, of Beaufort, crime, burglary, term 20 years, time served, 21 years. The last named man was one of the first convicts placed in the penitentiary.

County Sunday School Conventions. County Sunday School Convention will be held at each county-seat in the State on Friday, February 22d, at 10 o'clock. Any minister of the Gospel, superintendent or officer, teacher or adult member of any Sunday School will be a member of these conventions.

Pastors and superintendents resident at the county seat will arrange for these conventions. Each county convention will appoint five delegates to the State Convention. By order of State Executive Committee. E. J. PARRISH, Pres't.

J. W. GORE, Secy.

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The Tarboro Southern thus pays its respects to Senator Ransom: "Tuesday night in the Democratic caucus Matt W. Ransom was re-nominated for U. S. Senator. There is no cause for elation in North Carolina. We have had but one Senator for eighteen years and we have no more now, unless pulling cuffs, shaking hands and inquiring about your family makes a Senator."

The action of the Democratic caucus and the vote of the Democratic Legislature yesterday may be summed up in five words: "Six more years of humbug."

A mass meeting of the Republican party and distillers' of Wilkes county is called to take place at Wilkesboro the first Monday in February for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the party in regard to the collectorship, distillery, and distilleries, &c. The call is signed by J. R. Henderson, chairman of the county Republican executive committee.—Statesville Landmark.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The Senate to-day, by a strict party vote, 52 to 30, passed the Senate tariff bill. Various amendments were offered during the day and discussed under the five minutes rule. When the Senate took up the tariff bill the pending question was on the amendment of Mr. Reagan to the wool section. Mr. Reagan said that the bill was an abandonment of protection. The Senate substitute would make a reduction of revenue of about \$73,000,000 and would cover the country and every part of it with blessings.

Mr. Reagan made an argument in favor of his amendment. After remarks by Mr. Turpie against and Mr. Harris for the amendment, a vote was taken and it was rejected—yeas 22, nays 31. Senators Brown and Payne voting on the negative. (The amendment proposed to change the duty on all grades and kinds of wool to 25 per cent. ad valorem.)

Mr. Vest moved to put pine clap boards on the free list. Mr. Vance moved to amend Mr. Vest's amendment by making it apply to all the lumber paragraphs. Mr. Plumb offered Mr. Call, Mr. Blair and Mr. Gray, and others, a vote was taken on Mr. Vance's amendment (which Mr. Vest accepted as a substitute for his amendment) and it was rejected, 19 to 28. Mr. Brown and Mr. Call voting in the negative.

Mr. Reagan offered an amendment to the bill, adding a section imposing an income tax. The amendment was rejected—Senators Brown, Payne and Pugh voting no. Various amendments were offered by Democratic Senators and rejected.

Mr. Plumb offered an amendment to the provision to paragraph 137 (as to iron hoops or bands), so as to reduce the additional two-thirds to one-tenth. Plumb voted aye, and Payne nays. Mr. Brown moved to make the rates on cleaned rice two cents per pound; on uncleaned rice 1 cent per pound; on all grades and kinds of rice four to 20 per cent. ad valorem. Rejected—yeas 20, nays 36.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the paragraph was finally amended (45 to 11) by making the rates 11, 1, 2 and 3 cents. Mr. Plumb offered an additional paragraph to the schedule as follows: "Silk, raw or reeled from the cocoon, but not doubled, twisted or advanced in manufacture in any way, and silk made, 25 per cent. ad valorem." Rejected—yeas 21, nays 34.

Mr. Plumb moved to insert an additional paragraph creating and establishing in the Treasury Department a commission to be known as THE CUSTOMS COMMISSION. Agreed to without a division.

It provides for the appointment by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, of five commissioners to hold office 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years respectively; not more than three of them to be of the same political party. The salary is to be \$6,500 per annum. The permanent office of the commission is to be at Washington.

An amendment reported from the Finance committee as to oranges, lemons and limes, was agreed to—yeas 39, nays 7. It increased the rates per package, according to capacity, from 11, 20 and 30 cents, to 13, 25 and 50 cents, and from 8 cents for every additional cubic foot to 10 cents.

Mr. Allison offered an amendment from the committee repealing the provision of law requiring a stamp to be affixed to every box of imported cigars, to indicate the inspection thereof by the custom officer. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Allison the date for the bill to go into effect was changed from Feb. 1st, to July 1st, 1889.

Mr. Riddleberger, after the vote was taken, stated that he had voted right along with the Republican party and with the Finance committee for the bill; but there was nothing in the bill which would have justified him in voting for it after the adoption of the amendments of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Plumb)—presumably the customs commission provision—therefore, if he had not been paired, and had not felt under an obligation, to preserve the pair, he should not have voted for the bill.

The Senate at 10:30 p. m., adjourned until to-morrow at noon.

One Vacant Place at the Table. Col. Chas. W. Bradshaw and Mr. W. F. Snider, who are now the only survivors of the snowed-in passenger train between Charlotte and Raleigh, during the great snow storm of January 18, 1857, yesterday celebrated the event in the usual way by an anniversary dinner at Billy Taylor's. Up to last January there were always three who participated in this annual dinner, the third party being Mr. Wm. J. Yates, who died last fall. Col. Bradshaw and Mr. Snider will continue the custom of the annual dinner as long as they live.—Charlotte News.

Confederate Pensioners. RALEIGH, Jan. 22.—The convention of Confederate Pensioners of this State was held here to-day. Two hundred veterans were in attendance. They met to petition the Legislature to increase the pension appropriations. The convention was addressed to-night by Hon. J. S. Carr, president of the convention; Hon. T. C. Fuller and Gov. Fowle.

The Tarboro Southern thus pays its respects to Senator Ransom: "Tuesday night in the Democratic caucus Matt W. Ransom was re-nominated for U. S. Senator. There is no cause for elation in North Carolina. We have had but one Senator for eighteen years and we have no more now, unless pulling cuffs, shaking hands and inquiring about your family makes a Senator."

The action of the Democratic caucus and the vote of the Democratic Legislature yesterday may be summed up in five words: "Six more years of humbug."

A mass meeting of the Republican party and distillers' of Wilkes county is called to take place at Wilkesboro the first Monday in February for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the party in regard to the collectorship, distillery, and distilleries, &c. The call is signed by J. R. Henderson, chairman of the county Republican executive committee.—Statesville Landmark.

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