

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1889.

Lent began yesterday. Associate Justice Avery spent Sunday here. Chamber of Commerce meeting tonight. The doctors report several cases of measles about town.

The alarm of fire has been given here but once during the winter. There was a big crowd in town on Saturday, and everything very lively.

Communion services will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Our municipal election will take place this year—on the first Monday in May.

There is a demand for a better class of residences here. Such could be rented readily.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Van Wyck left Monday night for a two weeks visit in New York.

Mr. Blumenthal says "you can't borrow any money now, because it is Lent." "Cheer up!"

The store of Mr. J. Z. Schultz is being very much improved by the addition of show windows.

About all the radicals who could raise the spondulicks attended the inauguration on the 4th.

We learn from Rev. Mr. Byrd that the condition of Mr. Bobbitt is not favorable, that he is not improving.

Democrats take a back seat for the present. Four years will soon pass away and they'll be head again.

The bar of Lexington met last Tuesday and passed resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Luke Blackmer.

Regular monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening in the Hall of the Association.

Mr. E. K. James the liveryman is having his bus handsomely renovated preparatory to running it regularly to the depot.

The store of Boston and McCannless presents a very neat and clean appearance, which will be duly appreciated by our lady shoppers.

Mr. Van Wyck has been making very much needed improvements in his store to make room for the extensive stock he is now buying in New York.

A party of not less than twenty-five from Asheville, passed through town Thursday night on their way to Washington to attend the inauguration.

A fashionable dress maker, of much experience and highly recommended by Armstrong, Cator & Co., of Baltimore, will soon open an establishment in our town.

The Equitable Life Insurance Co. of N. York has forwarded their check to local agent, J. A. Brown, for \$12,400 to cover a policy of \$10,000 and profits held by the late Luke Blackmer, Esq.

Mr. D. R. Julian, the efficient door keeper of the House of Representatives, spent Sunday with his family here. A Mr. Cherry, a member of the House from Pitt County, accompanied him by invitation.

Mr. Peck of Franklin township exhibited in Salisbury last Saturday three very fine carp weighing 19 pounds in all, caught in the Yadkin river with a hook and line. Let's go fishing.

Some one remarked the other day, "if, after trying every store in town you fail to find what you are looking for just go to V. Wallace's, and you will be sure to get it. He keeps everything."

The South bound train on the R. & P. on Tuesday was four hours late, caused by the rush at Washington; an exchange says that one hundred train loads of people tried to get on one train at that place.

Mr. J. B. Lanier received and unloaded seven car loads tin cans last Thursday, valued at six thousand dollars. This shows what Mr. Lanier is doing and what he expects to do in the canning business, besides his numerous other enterprises.

In the future M. S. Brown intends giving special attention to suits to order by sample and guarantee satisfaction in workmanship, fit and price. His line of spring samples is now open and is very handsome throughout. Call and leave your measure.

The Editor of the Landmark in commenting upon the effect produced by the electric light when first turned on in the Presbyterian church at Statesville said, that it reminded him of a diamond pin in a soiled shirt front. Joe, evidently wants a new church built.

The Episcopal church is erecting a chapel near the cotton factory, where services will be held for the benefit of the factory operatives. The factory company also proposes to build a place of worship on their grounds, which will be free to all evangelical denominations.

One would judge from the stacks upon stacks of new goods unloaded at the depot for Salisbury since the first of January, that our merchants need not go North this spring, but they are going all the same and will purchase handsome stocks. Salisbury has always sold more goods than any other town to the size of it in the country. In fact too much attention has been paid to merchandising and, until recently, not enough to manufacturing.

The Salisbury gas company's charter expires this year having run thirty years, and another has been granted by the Legislature with an additional right to employ electricity for lighting purposes and power.

Religious services were held in the Episcopal chapel in the new part of town known as "Brooklyn," last Sunday afternoon; by Rev. Mr. McKenzie. Services were also held in the Lee street Presbyterian chapel at 4 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Rumble. Attendance at both these places was very good.

Editor Dowd of the Mecklenburg Times has a good word for Salisbury. After mentioning the different business changes, the new Racket and other stores, the cotton mill, the new buildings in course of erection, the proposed electric light and other plants, he says that Salisbury is growing faster than any other town in the State.

Dr. H. T. Bahnon, of Salem was here Tuesday. He was en route to Morganton to attend a meeting of the board of Directors of the Western Insane Asylum. The train being several hours behind, the Doctor put in his time shaking hands with friends. He has recently been appointed a Director of the asylum to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Wm. J. Yates, Esq.

Henry Rice, of this county, surprised his friends at J. H. Trott's saw mill, last Wednesday. He had a Walnut tree that he wanted sawed into scantling. He cut it down and made it ready for the mill, and there being no wagon at hand to haul it, got it on his shoulders and carried it over a hundred yards and dropped it at the mill. The miller rewarded the feat by declining to charge for sawing it.

Died.

In this town, this morning, Mrs. Nancy Smith, aged about 77 years. The deceased was the mother of Moses Arey, who recently died in this place.

Building & Loan.

The annual meeting of this association was held on the 28th of February. All of the old officers were re-elected. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer shows that 1125 shares have been taken up to date; that about \$37,000 have been loaned on property worth \$74,000, and that the profits declared for the half year are at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the investments.

A Million Dollar Factory for Concord.

The "Kerr Bag Manufacturing Company" has been incorporated in Concord, and articles to that effect were filed in the Superior Court Clerk's office of Cabarrus county, last Thursday. The capital stock is one million dollars, with the right of increasing it to two millions. The plant is to be located near the present site of the Odell Manufacturing Company, and will certainly eclipse any thing of the manufacturing kind ever attempted in the South.

Chamber of Commerce.

At the meeting of this body last Friday night a letter was read from M. Quid, accepting the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to visit Salisbury, and a committee of four consisting of Theo. F. Klutz, Wm. Smithdeal, Theo. Bierbaum and M. C. Quian were appointed to receive him and look after him while here.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. O'Hara in regard to his proposed college reported and it was stated that Mr. O'Hara had a charter drawn and sent to Raleigh to be acted upon at this sitting of the Legislature. A resolution was unanimously adopted tendering to Mr. Key, of Statesville, the well wishes of the body and their hopes of his permanently locating in Salisbury. After the transaction of other business the body adjourned until to-night.

County Commissioners Meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, and the following business was transacted: C. C. Krider reported that he had collected \$1390 of the taxes for the year 1888 since the 4th of February and deposited the same in the banks of Salisbury.

It was ordered that C. C. Krider, (serif), be allowed until the 1st Monday in April to settle the county and school taxes for the year 1888.

A. M. Brown keeper of the poor house reported the average number of paupers for the month of Feb. 1889 to be 19-7 Whites-12 Negroes.

J. M. Horah C. S. C. reports the following named prisoners in the County Jail to be bired out:

Sam Hudson (col.) for 60 days, Henry Calloway (col.) for 4 months, Giles Heilig (col.) for 4 months.

It was ordered upon petition that a new public road be laid out in the Western portion of the County, commencing near the old Toll House on the Statesville and Salisbury road and at the Corporate line of the town of Cleveland on condition that every one over whose land this road is to pass shall sign a right of way for such road and file a bond to keep said road in good order for seven years.

Upon petition it was ordered that a public road be laid out in Mt. Ula township commencing at a point on the Sheriff's Ford road near John K. Goodmans on the same conditions as above.

DIED.

At Davidson College, Wm. J. Fleming, March 5, of pleuro-pneumonia and measles. Mr. Fleming will be buried at Bethpage, Cabarrus county. Dr. Shearer conducted most touching services in the chapel before the body was removed.

Spring.

When is it? What is the first day of spring? Several days ago there was a discussion on this point at the breakfast table at the Boyden House between two gentlemen as to what was the first day of spring. It was asserted by one that March 1st was the first day of spring, because it was the first day of the first spring month. It was asserted by another that it was March 21st, because that day was the vernal equinox, and hence the beginning of the season and the first day of spring.

Reference not being at hand it was decided to ask the question of a number of men of "ordinary intelligence," and if possible decide by a preponderance of evidence. The question to be asked was "When is the first day of spring?"

So with pencil and paper it was started. Now, to show the diversity of opinion, we give below the names and answers:

- S Ruffin, March 1; J J Newman, March 21; M O Sherrill, March 21; D A Miller, don't know but think March 21; M Anderson, March 1; G Brenizer, March 21; Kerr Craig, March 1; Dr J B Council, April 1, because that is when it begins in Watauga; Col J B Tipton, Feb 7; Dr J R Keen, March 21; H E Percival, March 12; Rev J T Bagwell, March 21; Jno Goddard, don't know, think April 1; Dr. Michael, Feb 20; W H Overman, March 15; Rev Dr Rumble, March 21; Jno A Hedrick (weather bureau), March 21; Jno Beard don't know; E B Neave don't know; P A Brown, March 21; Squire C F Baker (weather prophet) don't know; Rev F J Murdoch, March 21; Dr Jno H Ennis, March 21; S H Wiley, March 21; Ed Cutbrell, March 21; Tom Earnhart, at equinox; J Allen Brown, March 1; Jean Brown, March 21; J K J H Burke, March 21; Robt Murphy, March 21; Wm G McNeely, March 21; J L Hicks, March 21; Dr J J Summerell, March 21; Jno A Boyden, March 1; C G Vele, March 16; J. J. Bruner, March 1st.

References were then sought and we find as follows:

- Blum's Almanac, 1889—"Vernal equinox, March 19th, at 11 o'clock and 9 minutes in the evening." Buist's seed almanac, 1889—"Vernal equinox (spring begins) Washington time, March 20th, 5 a. m." Hostetter's Almanac, 1889—"Vernal equinox (spring begins) Pittsburg time March 20th, 5 a. m." The World's Cyclopaedia—"Spring (in astronomy) one of the seasons, commencing in the northern hemisphere when the sun enters aries, about the 21st of March."

Webster's Dictionary—"Spring. The season of the year when plants begin to vegetate and rise; the vernal season comprehending the months of March, April and May in the middle latitude north of the equator." American Cyclopaedia—"Spring, in astronomy, one of the four seasons of the year, beginning for the northern hemisphere at the time of the vernal equinox, or on March 21, and ending at the time of the summer solstice, or June 21. In the United States the spring is regarded as including March, April and May."

Also under the head of seasons: "The passage of the sun across the equator, bringing on days of greater length than the nights, mark the vernal, or spring equinox, and occurs about March 21 for the northern hemisphere and Sept. 23 for the southern. These dates also mark the autumnal equinox, or commencement of autumn, the hemispheres being reversed, etc."

Encyclopaedia Britannica, vol xi, p. 774, makes the 20th of March the beginning of the vernal equinox when spring begins; when the days and nights are equal all over the world, i. e. when the sun enters aries, March 20th.

We have given this at length for amusement and instruction. Vernal equinox (spring begins) March 20th, summer solstice (summer begins) June 21st, autumnal equinox (autumn begins) Sept 22nd, winter solstice (winter begins) Dec. 21st of this year. It may vary one day either way in any one year.

Low Rates to New York and Return. The Richmond & Danville railroad will sell round trip tickets to New York and return, for persons wishing to attend the centennial inauguration of Washington. Tickets will be put on sale at all coupon offices from the 26th to the 30th of April, 1889, inclusive, good returning until and including May 3d, 1889.

ROUND TRIP RATES. Table with columns for From, Individuals, and 50 or more in uniform.

These are the lowest round trip rates ever offered to New York and return. The low rates for parties of 50 or more in uniform applies strictly to military companies, and the whole party will travel on one solid ticket in each direction. For further particulars apply to Jas. L. Taylor, Washington, D. C., or W. A. Turk, Raleigh, N. C.

Mert Will Tell.

We are always glad to note the prosperity of any of our Salisbury enterprises. Under the above head the Southern Tobacco Journal says: "The 'Piedmont Belt' smoking tobacco, manufactured by Beall & Co., of Salisbury, N. C., is taking the lead among standard granulated brands. Notwithstanding the past month was a short one, in it the company did the largest business of any month since they began operations. The sales for the first two months of this year show an increase of 250 per cent. over the same time last year. They will put in new machinery and increase its capacity to meet the demands of the trade."

County Locals.

[By our Correspondents.]

CLEVELAND.

Wheat is looking better than it has been for some time.

Rev. Mr. Allison held divine service at the Academy, last Sunday.

Messrs. B. O. Morris and B. A. Knox went to Washington to the inauguration.

There was no school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, owing to the professor being called off on business.

The students at the Academy are anxious to see the WATCHMAN this week concerning the spelling match.

CHINA GROVE.

China Grove is now on a boom, several new houses are being erected here.

The two Miss McBees of Greenville S. C. visited Dr. Rameur's on last Tuesday.

More than two thousand chickens were bought and shipped from this place last week.

Mr. Obe Rameur of Lincoln Co., is now visiting his relatives. Dr. and Mrs. Rameur.

Mr. Lee Boy Deaton visited our School here, which is in a flourishing condition, last Friday.

The two bellies of this place, we are glad to state, have just recovered from the measles and will be ready for school this week.

The season for rabbits is now past; not less than fifteen thousand were bought and shipped from this place during the past winter.

FRANKLIN.

Planting Irish potatoes is now in order.

The wheat crop is improving in appearance since the weather has moderated.

Crows are more numerous than usual, and it is not a rare thing to see them in flocks of thousands.

Hay and all roughness is exceedingly scarce and high, but some farmers still have some to spare.

The peach tree blooms seem unusually tardy in making their appearance, which we hope may be an indication of another good fruit crop.

The fox hunters of our township say that others may do as they please, but so far as they are concerned they are going to quit now and go to work." So mout it be.

Our farmers are now busily engaged in sowing oats. Most of them have their lands broken up, and are ready to commence bedding for cotton, and making corn rows, etc.

A great deal of home made fertilizers are in course of preparation, but from present indications, very little, if any commercial fertilizers will be used unless there is a big fall in prices. It is suicidal to our interests to use it at present prices. We can't stand it. We think rather more tobacco will be planted here than last year.

GOLD HILL.

The school-house is now being painted and will be very pretty when completed. It will pay the Cleveland school to come down just to see the house if they do not spell.

We are glad to see Mr. L. S. Rothrock at home last Saturday. He has now a very flourishing school at Zeb, but will open a high school in district No. 5, during the summer.

The weather is quite pleasant, and the farmers are taking advantage of it in preparing for their crops. They are using the "Farmers' Alliance plow" in turning the soil. It is just the plow for the farmer.

When we accepted the challenge of the Cleveland school, we did not know but that the principal made it. We notice he adds three conditions, which we are not willing to accept. In the first place we were under the impression, by the challenge being made, that the school was willing and anxious to go anywhere in the county to spell without their expenses being paid. In the second place the advanced pupils, who accepted the challenge, are using Webster's Common School Dictionary, and do not wish to go back to the "blue back" to spell before a large audience in Salisbury; and the little ones who are using that book are too small to go so far from their parents. If the school will come down, and use the dictionary, we will be glad to see them and spell against them any time. Also we will provide them food and lodging while they are here—provided they don't stay too long.

The Benefit of Good Roads.

The value of good country roads is strikingly illustrated in the case of Madison county, Alabama, of which Huntsville is the county seat. That country has in its limits several macadamized roads, so its people have felt both the need and the blessings of such roads. The Huntsville Mercury says the result is that the land which has the benefit of the turnpike sells readily for \$50 and \$60 an acre, while that which has no such advantage for only from \$15 to \$20 an acre. So well convinced are the people of Madison county of the value of good roads that the county has obtained permission from the Legislature of that State to issue its bonds to the extent of \$150,000 for the purpose of building 130 miles of well graded and macadamized roads in its midst, so located as to give the greatest good to the greatest number in the matter of reaching a market.

Mt. Pleasant.

Ed. Watchman.—As there is no place in your columns for informing your readers about the welfare of our Pleasant little village, I humbly offer myself and pen to you (although both are sorry) in the interest of Mt. Pleasant. I offer my services to you for three reasons, viz: First, I think that I will benefit myself a great deal by writing for a newspaper. Secondly, I think that there have been many who have gone forth from the walls of this institution (N. C. College) and who would like to hear continually from their dear old Alma Mater, and I think that I being a student of the same, am capable of giving the desired information. Thirdly, I think that this town is worthy of a place in your columns.

If you think that my correspondence would be both profitable and a source of pleasure to your readers, I ask you to publish this, and I, from time to time as my studies may permit, will write you; if on the contrary you think otherwise, just fail to place these lines in your columns and I will take the hint and never afterward. I prefer to write under a nom de plume, as I care not for publicity.

The college is now in a tolerably flourishing condition, and we have every reason to believe that it will very soon increase in number.

Mr. G. H. Barnard is now confined to his room at his boarding house, having been stricken down a few days ago by what was at first thought to be paralysis, but which report we have since learned was false. He thinks that he look forward with pleasure to his return, for we miss his smiling face and cheerful words in the college.

Our president, Prof. J. G. Schaid, is still at the springs, striving to recruit, but is expected to return on Monday.

The dreaded measles are thought to be in the Seminary. It is only a conjecture and it is sincerely hoped by all to be false.

Some of our enterprising men have lately put up machinery, and are now buying persimmon wood and sawing it into the required sizes, preparatory to sending it North, where they will be made into spokes and shuttles.

We are very glad to know that Miss Lizzie Miller has recovered from her illness, having been confined to her room for some time, much to the regret of her friends.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the gentlemen of the Philalethian society did not escort any ladies to their meeting Friday night a week ago, as was intended. Well, even though they did not have the ladies they had a fine debate, as one of the members of that society testified to me.

Yours respectfully, PROVOCATOR PHILLOTRUM CUPIDIDONIS.

MARRIED.

On Feb. 26th, 1889, at the residence of the bride's father, by W. A. Campbell, Esq., Mr. George A. Trexler to Miss Louisa C. Brady, all of Morgan township, Rowan county.

By W. R. Fraley, Esq., at his residence, on the 3d inst., Mr. Daniel W. Klutz and Miss Julia Ann Ballaboch, both of Rowan county.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Salisbury, in the State of N. C., At the close of business, Feb. 26, 1889.

RESOURCES. Table with columns for Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Due from other National Banks, etc.

LIABILITIES. Table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, National Bank notes outstanding, etc.

State of North Carolina, County of Rowan, ss: I, L. H. FOIST, cashier of the above named bank do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PUBLIC SALE OF Valuable Town Property.

BEING desirous of leaving the State, we will, on Monday, the first day of April, 1889, at 1 o'clock p. m., sell at public auction at the Court House door in Salisbury, for cash, three valuable town lots, one brick house and lot on Fulton street opposite F. E. Shober's where we now reside, the lot containing one acre and fronting one hundred and fifty feet with good well of water and in a high and healthy location. One house and lot on Main street, and one house and lot on Lee street.

Good title given to property. Mrs. H. E. & VICTORIA I. JOHNSON, J. W. Mauney, Attorney. W. P. Stallings, Auctioneer. 1911.d.o.s.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jane A. Thompson, dec'd, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to me on or before the 15th day of February, 1890.

Dated, February 14th, 1889. JOSEPH S. HALL, Adm'r of Jane A. Thompson. 17.6t.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of Daniel Frick, dec'd, are required to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day March, 1890, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

March 5th, 1889. JOHN W. FRICK, Executor. 20-6w-pd.

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