

Merry Christmas.

Turkeys have stood a poor showing here for a week past.

W. H. Neave has gone on a two weeks visit to Baltimore.

Mr. James Brown, of Richmond, is expected to be here for the holidays.

Mr. A. M. Wilhelm, of Cabarrus county, will be here for the holidays.

There has been five deaths in Salisbury in the past five days. Three whites and two colored.

We learn that Mr. L. W. Miller of the Grove neighborhood, lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

The Standard says that Dr. A. D. Fetters of Concord, is carrying one of his boys around in a sling.

The town commissioners at China have given the boys permission to play crackers during the holidays.

All this week people have been buying Christmas goods just as if there was no special day running around loose.

Mr. C. F. King, of Kings New Bureau, has been the special correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, has been in the city a week.

The Concord Standard says that Mr. A. Klutz, of Cabarrus county, has received two deer skins from his son who lives in Colorado.

Wade Harris says the Vestibule whist train from Statesville to-day brought 100 packages (jugs and kegs) for points north of Charlotte.

Rev. Paul Berridge, pastor of New Street Church in this county, has resigned, and his resignation will not go into effect until the 1st of January, 1892.

Mr. W. T. Johnston, of Mt. Holly, Gasconade county, was thrown from his buggy by or two since and had both bones in his left leg broken.

Very little has been said about it, but from the way Salisbury is growing an electric light plant and street car line will be a necessity here soon.

All of our exchanges report a lot of marriages. What is the matter with Salisbury's young people? Get a move on you boys.

A three foot vein carrying \$80 per ton, was uncovered in the Bernhards shaft, held in place last week. It is in the 200 foot level.

It may be put down as a fact that more whiskey is drunk in Salisbury and Rowan county than any other place.

After the first of January we will have a corps of first-class correspondents and writers on agricultural subjects. Look for a lively paper. Subscribe at once.

The Daily says that China Grove pays twice as much for rabbits as Concord and has already bought more rabbits this fall than Concord will see this winter. Hurrah for China Grove!

Messrs. D. R. Julian & Co., will soon be ready to move their stock of goods from the building under the WATCHMAN to the building just opposite on the same street. See their add.

Mr. O. Foy, of the Turin City Daily has purchased the Winston Sentinel and will consolidate the two papers. He is an enterprising journalist and will have the help of Mr. W. A. Hearn.

W. W. Hodge, of Morgan township in this county, is at home for the holidays. He has been at school at Moravian College the past five months. He made the WATCHMAN a pleasant call Tuesday.

The Concord Standard is authority for the statement that a physician in Cabarrus county broke a bottle of sulphuric acid in his pocket on his way home from work, and the acid ate up the doctors' fees.

The Gastonia Gazette asks the following question: If a little Jersey cow supple a family with milk and butter and gives 2 1/2 to 4 pounds of butter per week for sale, when she is "going dry," what will a big Jersey do when she is "fresh?"

Two weeks ago we promised our readers a better paper. Owing to the failure of the paper mills to furnish a better paper we have had to give two more issues of a sorry paper. The mills are now making what we want and it will be for the next issue.

Mr. William Turner, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this county, died at his home in that city last week at the age of 90 years.

He was the father of W. P. Turner, Esq., prominent lawyer in Statesville and of county Treasurer, J. C. Turner.

From the Charlotte Chronicle we learn that at the morning service at the Second Presbyterian church in that city Sabbath morning, a vote was taken as to whether they would sell a portion of the church property or not. The vote was almost unanimous in favor of keeping the property.

Three young lady pupils at Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary are sick with typhoid fever, and, in consequence, it has been thought best to close the school for a while. Their names are: Misses Laura, of Illinois, Minnie Casady, of North Carolina, and L. C. Fesperman, of Salisbury.

Messrs. Tatum, Miller & Co., proprietors of the Brick Warehouse, will buy a quantity of all the best varieties of tobacco seeds adapted to this section and will furnish their friends free of charge.

Personal Mention.

THE MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Miss Annie Gowen, who has been teaching music in Asheville for some time, is at home for the holidays.

Joseph P. McLean, Esq., and R. L. Weddington, two of Southwest Rowan's most excellent citizens, were in Salisbury Monday.

Hon. John S. Henderson is at home for the holidays. He is in good health and stands ready to do all he can against the obnoxious Force Bill. He don't think it will pass this session.

Deaths in the City.

Mrs. Jane Price, aged 73 years, died at her home in this city Saturday night about 8 o'clock, and was buried from the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member, at two o'clock Monday.

Wilson Sossoman, aged 63 years died at his home in the city Saturday night, and was buried from the Baptist church Monday evening at 3 o'clock.

Thanks, Bro. Cook.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey, who, for some time has been associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, has bought the WATCHMAN of Salisbury, and has entered upon his duties as editor and proprietor of that paper. Mr. Ramsey has shown himself to be a fine writer and we wish him the success he deserves.—Concord Standard.

Greensboro's New Boom.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Greensboro Steel & Iron Company was held a day or so ago, at which resolutions were passed authorizing the directors to contract as soon as practicable for one seventy-five-ton furnace, or to buy a controlling interest in some furnace-building company and erect one as soon as possible.

It was reported to the meeting that \$200,000 worth of stock had been taken and the directors were ordered to call for an assessment of 25 per cent.

Signs of Improvement.

You can hardly find a position anywhere in the corporate limits of Salisbury that you will be out of sight of some new building. Some of them are cheap cottages, some are fine residences, business houses, &c. This is not the building season, either. By spring the visitor will see more evidences of the boom than is now visible. One thing is to be regretted, and that is the high price of real estate in the old part of the city. Much of the building now going on is suburban. New towns are going up outside. If strangers want property near the centre of the city, try to suit them in price.

A Late Railroad Rumor.

A telegram from Baltimore says that Hambleton's circular makes this significant comment on Jay Gould's recent coup: "By the way, with Mr. Gould interested in Richmond Terminal, he is getting into the neighborhood of the Baltimore and Ohio road, The Baltimore and Ohio would furnish a very desirable New York outlet for Richmond Terminal. At some future day perhaps we may hear more of Baltimore and Ohio and Terminal combination, and why not? Since Baltimore's city and John Hopkins University sold their Baltimore and Ohio stock there is no obstacle in the way to a prompt and speedy transfer of the company into new hands. Mr. Charles F. Mayer, representing the Garrett family, and party, is in position to make a trade over night. There is every reason why the Garrett party should accept an advantageous offer and none why it should not. It would not be difficult to find a better investment than Baltimore and Ohio stock, but for the purpose of controlling the road a deal might possibly be made upon desirable terms."

The St. Cecilia Club Entertained by Mrs. Chas. Price.

One of the nicest entertainments of the season was given at the home of Hon. Chas. Price, Friday night last, by the St. Cecilia Club. The programme was gotten up by Mrs. Price and was rendered in a most charming manner.

The programme was as follows: Duet by Miss Bessie Krider, and Bertha Knox. Song by Miss Mamie Mock. Piano Solo, Song by Miss Fannie Shober. Next were the Wax Figures; Mrs. Jarley's. Mrs. Price represented Mrs. Jarley. Sam Wiley and Tom McNeely, attendants. First character, Jack be nimble, John Henderson, Jr. 2d. "Polly put the Kettle on." Miss Jennie Klutz. 3d. "Pattie," Miss Ruth Klutz. 4th. "Jack Spratt and wife," Archy Henderson, and Miss Bessie Henderson. 5th. "The Milk Maid," Miss May Stewart. 6th. "The due," Vivian Hoyt. 7th. Herman McNeely. 8th. "The little wife in the wheelbarrow," "The Bibb McKee," Walter Heathman.

It is proper to add that the collection was the largest ever gotten up at any one time by the St. Cecilia, and is due to the splendid programme and handsome reception of Mrs. Price.

MARRIED.

At the White House, near China Grove, on the 18th inst., by Rev. W. Kimball, Mr. Daniel J. Smith and Miss Mary J. Overcash.

The board of directors of the penitentiary in making their report to the governor recommended that there be established in the prison manufactories of tobacco and of fabrics from jute, particularly cotton bagging.

FROM STATESVILLE.

AN INTERESTING BATCH OF NEWS ITEMS FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE REBEL.

Correspondence of the Watchman.

The weather is exceedingly fine. The climate certainly is that they seldom have seen such lovely weather as we have had for two months past. Farmers have made good crops generally, and they seem to be in fine spirits.

The grocery and Racket men are crowded with people laying in their supplies and Christmas. They all have a merry Christmas. Cotton is lively, considerable quantity being marketed. Eggs are holding for better prices.

Mrs. Isabella Bradwell died Monday last. Her funeral took place on Sabbath last, conducted by Dr. Wood of the Presbyterian church. She was laid away at the new cemetery. Mrs. Ransauer also died yesterday morning and as I write the funeral bell is tolling announcing to the citizens that another of their number has gone to "that bourne from which no one ever returns."

We have with us visiting their friends Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill from Des Moines, La. Mr. Hill is a native of Ireland. He does not look as if he lived in a dry town and State. Also his father, Mr. D. L. Hill, from Denton, Tex. is here meeting and enjoying Christmas with his old friends. He is a brother of the late Dr. Hill, of Lexington, N. C. He will see you before he returns.

The sheriff is on his rounds collecting taxes and is doing reasonably well. Speaking yesterday at the court house by one of our prominent Alliance brethren. The crowd was small, in fact, but few knew of it, which partially accounts for the small crowd.

We all wish you much success in the conduct of the WATCHMAN and hope to be able to help you materially at an early day. More anon. JAY CITE. Statesville, N. C., Dec. 23, 1890.

The Public Printing.

At our request the State Auditor has furnished us with the following statistics, showing the aggregate amount expended for public printing during the past ten years, as well as the sum expended for each year.

1880,	\$ 7,901.56.
1881,	12,763.46.
1882,	11,909.74.
1883,	17,446.19.
1884,	8,855.03.
1885,	16,894.19.
1886,	19,972.10.
1887,	27,935.39.
1888,	13,139.16.
1889,	21,399.19.
Total,	\$158,405.36.

It appears from the above statement that there has been disbursed from the treasury of the State for public printing during the period named the sum of \$158,405.36, and an examination into the system under which this large sum of money has been paid out discloses the fact that nearly twenty-four thousand dollars of it have been paid to gentlemen simply to sign receipts.

This is quite a fee for such a light task. And it is equally true that for the past ten years the law making power in this State has continuously awarded the contract for the public printing to parties who have not done the printing themselves, but have employed others to do it, retaining for themselves a commission on the gross sum of at least fifteen per cent. as a compensation for the laborious task of signing receipts.

Fifteen per cent. on the aggregate amount above stated would be \$23,760.80, the sum the State has absolutely given away, receiving no consideration whatever.—Raleigh Intelligencer.

The Alliance Platform.

The Farmers' Alliance Convention recently in session at Ocala, Florida, has adopted the following platform:

1. We demand the abolition of National banks; we demand that the Government shall establish subtreasuries or depositories in the several States, which shall loan money direct to the people at a low rate of interest, not to exceed 2 per cent. per annum, on non-perishable farm products, and also upon real estate, with the proper limitation upon the quality of land and the amount of money; we demand that the amount of circulation medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

2. We demand that Congress shall pass such laws as shall effectually prevent dealing in futures on all agricultural and mechanical productions, preserving a stringent system of procedure in trials, such as shall secure the prompt conviction and imposition of such penalties as shall secure the most perfect compliance with law.

3. We condemn the Silver bill recently passed by Congress, and demand in lieu thereof the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

4. We demand the passage of laws prohibiting alien ownership of land, and that Congress take prompt action to devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by aliens and foreign syndicates and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

5. Believing in the motto of equal rights to all, special privileges to none, we demand that our national legislation shall be so framed in the future so as not to build up one industry at the expense of another, and we further demand a removal of the existing heavy tariff tax from the necessities of life that the poor of our land may have.

We further demand a just and equitable system of graduated tax on incomes. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all national and State revenues shall be limited to the government economically and honestly administered.

Granville county is practically out of debt, and will soon get \$5,000 from Vance county.

IMPORTANT!

LOOK. READ. GET PRICES AND PHOTO. FROM.

E. M. ANDREWS,

Before you buy Furniture. It will pay you. I want to call the attention of all of the readers of this paper that my stock of FURNITURE, PIANOS AND ORGANS is now larger and more complete than at any time since I have been in business. I have just received a car load of nothing but Antique Oak and Sixteen Century Suits, ranging in price from \$28 to \$75.00. These were bought at a bargain and are the very newest styles. I have made a large deal in Parlor Suits also. Listen at these prices: Plush Suits of 6 and 7 pieces I am offering now for \$32.50 to \$100.00. Plush Suits in Walnut and Antique and 16th Century that I sold for 10 per cent. more last year. I have a well selected line of Divans Plush Rockers, Book Cases, Mantle Mirrors and Novelties in Furniture. I have scoured the country this year for bargains, buying in large quantities for cash to get the best bargains, my object being to give my customers the all the best goods possible for the money. I make a specialty of furnishing residences and hotels complete from top to bottom. I am anxious to sell you all your furniture. The crowd was small, in fact, but few knew of it, which partially accounts for the small crowd.

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In making your selections for Xmas, we would ask you not to fail to see our many novelties in Silverware, Jewelry, Bric-Brac and Fancy Pottery. You know we always buy the finest and hand-somest designs the market affords, because we want to please you and we know we can't do that with ordinary everyday kind of Goods. You won't buy them, and we won't give them shelf-room, because you want the latest things possible to obtain, and we enjoy handling the latest in every branch of our business. We stir things up, now you see this year we give you a rare treat in Genuine Bisque Ornaments, now we all know this is new. Did you ever see so many pretty things in this line. Genuine Royal Wooster ware, you must admire it. Rudalstadt Vases, Handsome Designs, Beautiful decorations, Entirely New. Hungarian Vases, very rich, After Dinner Coffee Cups and Saucers, Cracker Jars and Finger Bowls, very useful and pretty. Our stock of Silver ware to be appreciated must be seen, it is larger and more complete this season than ever before. Watches? Yes, the largest assortment we have ever carried. Ladies Gold Watches from \$20 and up. Rings? Oh yes, in abundance from 50 cents to \$150, wear sure to suit you. Just what you want in Jewelry of every kind. And Gold Rings? Yes we have the best make known in pretty designs.

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Now come and see us, we are waiting on you. Very Truly, W. H. REISNER & BRO.

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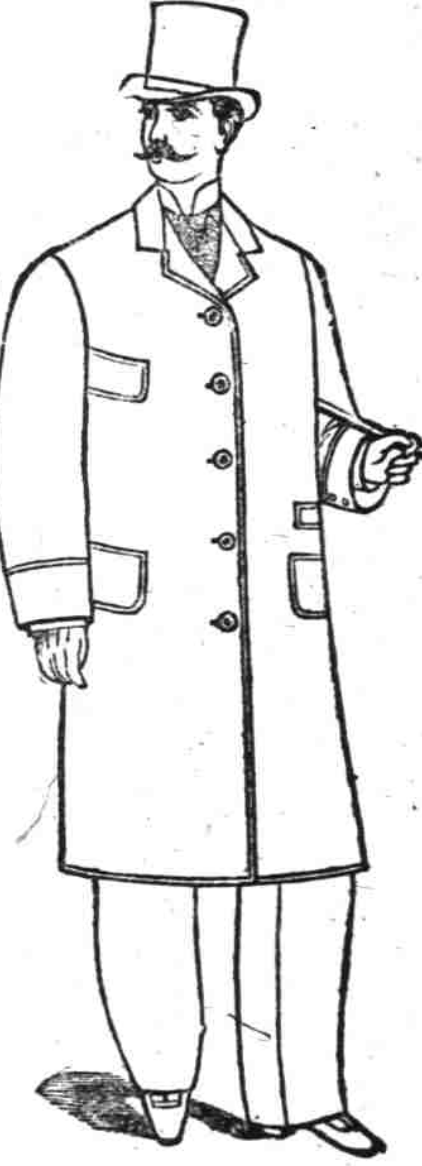
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