Carolina Watchman.

LOCAL.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 1891.

Court begins here next Monday.

Mr. C. G. Viele is sick with grip.

Mrs. C. C. Krider is visiting friends at Cleveland.

Miss Sutie Nelson is visiting the family of Capt. J. R. Crawford.

Mr. Ira B. Miller, of Pallsbury, Stanly county, was in town to-day.

Miss Lou Armfield has been visiting friends in town for some days.

Five tramps were put in the lock-up Monday. They were on an extensive drunk.

A fire in the waste room of the cotton factory did slight damage last Friday night.

The First National Bank moved into its handsome new building on Main street Monday.

Mr. P. D. Pfifer, of Concord is in town. He is on his way to Salem, Va., where he will go into business.

Mr. S. O. Wilson, representing the State Business Agency will be here to-morrow, 13th at 11 o'clock.

Mr. David Hedrick lost his little child Monday. Three of his children have died within the past two months.

Mrs. Theo. F. Klutz went down to Charlotte to attend the Patterson's Ball. Mr. Klutz was too unwell to attend.

Messrs. Peacock & Barrier, who have lately built a spoke and handle factory here, have gotten part of their machinery started.

Business of all kinds has been quite dull during the past two weeks. The bad weather will throw a damper on anything.

A correspondent of the Concord *Standard* suggests that the town equip every with the electric lights when the Fraternal big season opens.

Angeline Hall, an old colored woman, was burned to death in the southern part of the city Monday night. Her dress caught fire accidentally.

The Concord *Standard* has a reading room. It contains a gymnasium, shower, short, lack-and-a-half cuspidors and one Ayer's Almanac for 1891.

We commend our local advertisers to the buying public. Those who do not advertise may not desire to sell their goods at home, they don't say so.

Miss Hilla, the sister of Mrs. J. F. McCorkle, of Mooresville, and who had many relatives and friends in Salisbury died at Mooresville last Thursday.

Don't forget that the WATCHMAN wants a live correspondent and agent in every precinct in the Piedmont section. We want parties who mean business.

Accident on the W. N. C.

A freight train was wrecked five miles below Statesville Tuesday evening. The accident was caused by a broken wheel. It happened in a deep cut and the job of clearing the track is a tough one. Two cars were broken to pieces, one was loaded with wheat, the others contained miscellaneous stuff of all kinds. Linkoman had his leg broken. Passengers and mail have to be transferred.

Specimens for Our Next Fair.

Mr. J. T. Wallis, of Faith postoffice this county, has been appointed by the Piedmont Alliance Fair Association to get up their exhibit of minerals and curiosities for the Fair, next fall. We hope that every delegate and visitor from the counties will add his mite in every way possible. Everything should be done to make this the best Fair in the state. It would be a good plan for every Alliance to try to make an exhibition of some kind.

Explanatory.

The WATCHMAN has failed to come out on time several times recently. We had made arrangements to avoid this and started off all right for this issue. However, one of the printers has been sick since the first of this week and two did the work of three. Consequently we are a day late. We regret this more than our readers do and promise that the paper will be on time hereafter unless sickness or some unavoidable accident occurs.

What We Saw in Jim Cook's Town.

The writer went down to Concord last Friday to see what was going on. We found the dozens and two dribs emerging Concord as a leader, but one great accord in the good country around. Concord is dwelling, comparatively rich and self-styled a frugal, industrious people. The population of Concord is largely of the same kind; consequently it is a first class town.

The Morris House, one of the oldest hotels in the State, is being overhauled and will take its place among the list of first-class hotels. Several new buildings are being erected. The future for Concord is bright. We called on Jim Cook, of the *Standard*. He is good looking, but his face is no longer as good as cash on Cook, & Co. trains. But he gets there. He's the town oracle. We failed to see Brumbill, of the *Times*. He stands well above par as an editor and a printer. Unlike Cook, Brumbill believes Concord when it says it is building rabbits, but as a commercial and manufacturing town Concord cannot be outdone by a place of her size.

The Ferry Boat Wrecked.

The steam Ferry Boat, "Antelope," which has been used for several days to transport people through our streets, met with an accident near the post office Tuesday night. The engineer could not see, and getting out of the channel, he ran into a pile of Belgian blocks and knocked a hole in the bottom of the boat. She soon began to sink and several ladies jumped overboard, but were rescued by boatmen before they drowned. This has had a good effect upon some of our people who think that $50,000 will put our streets in good order. The "Antelope" has been repaired and is now making regular trips.

Death of Mr. Clodfelter.

Mr. J. A. Clodfelter, a native of Davidson county, but for many years a citizen of Salisbury, died at his home in this city last Friday of pneumonia. He was 61 years, 1 months and 20 days old. Mr. Clodfelter went through the civil war and was a brave and gallant soldier. After the war he engaged in business in Salisbury and was quite successful. In 1875 he married Miss Sarah Ann, second daughter of C. F. Bahnson, Esq., of this city, who survives him. Mr. Clodfelter was a member of the Presbyterian church here, from which he was buried Sunday afternoon. The funeral services and burial was attended by an unusually large number of people.

Meeting of Directors.

The directors of the Piedmont Alliance Fair Association met in Salisbury on the 31st of January. The finance committee made a satisfactory report. We understand that the prospects are good. The amount of the indebtedness is now very small. Bros. Rufus Beaver, S. R. Harrison and Capt. J. A. Fisher were appointed a committee for the race track. Jack Hutton, Rufus Beaver, George Ritchie, Cobb Cowan, Sam'l Harrison and Thos. Kerns were appointed as a building committee. The premiums are now open for subscriptions. The shares are $5 each. All Alliance counties ought to take stock. It will be a safe investment and profitable too. Rowan ought to be made one of the best fairs in the south. The Salisbury and return track connections will meet again on Saturday, 14th inst. The directors will meet again on the 21st Saturday in March.

The Tobacco Trade this Week.

The past week will long be remembered by the tobacco planters of the surrounding country. More tobacco has been sold on our market during the week just ended than in the history of the town. The yellow of this article is said of the week on Tuesday and has never been at anything to equal the sales on this day. The Banks and Summers' warehouses were crowded and we were told that several wagons were sent away for want of room. At the Planters' warehouse Mr. C. L. Gayle, from the Jerusalem section of this county, sold a part of his crop, 1,400 pounds, at an average of 21 cents. The indications all over bright smiles and have decided to increase their amount of tobacco this year. You will find it to your interest to call on our markets as we can boast of the highest market in the State.

A Great Invention and a Chance for Salisbury.

Messrs. A. and J. D. Wright of Fredericksburg, Va., were here for some days last week in the interest of the "Automatic Railroad Signal Indicator Company."

This is simple and at the same time a wonderful contrivance. A wheel is placed in the engineer's cab and a mile from the station rules over an inclined plane. For months it signifies the engineer's approach and for each mile of the train in the yards. The name of the station, number of cars, the train will stop or any other information appears in sight. For instance a train coming on the W. N. C. would show the following a mile west of the Salisbury depot: "Salisbury" (passengers for all points North and South). In addition to that it might continue: "Twenty minutes for supper," or anything necessary. A train going north on the R. & D. would show "Salisbury" until it run a mile. A mile from Linwood the "Linwood" card would appear, and so on at each station. In all this there are many advantages. The indicator could be put on locomotives and always appear before the engineer a mile from each station. In addition to this it would be a grand thing for travelers. A card could be put in giving the names of every hotel opposite the train at each angle.

We had read of this before, and were very frequently impressed with its worthiness. The inventor have to difficult parts of the machine patented, and patents have been applied for in all the principal countries.

The Messrs. Wrights are anxious to Mr. Fisher in this county and desire to locate the factory for making the indicators at some point in the State. This is a commercial age. They have left here for Greensboro and if not locally the machinery of the shop will be taken there. Salisbury being on the great trunk line between the North and South, and having the advantage of a direct line to the West, it is the most available point for the factory. It will be a safe and profitable investment for capital and a great addition to our local business. Beyond a doubt our wide awake citizens will not allow any other town to carry off the prize. The manufacture of this indicator will give work to hundreds and perhaps thousands of skilled mechanics. It will be a big loss to this section if, from any cause this factory goes elsewhere.

A Quaint Old Clock.

While in Lexington we were shown a very old and curious clock by Mr. E. R. Loftin, ex-Register of Deeds of Davidson county. It was a "grandfather's clock," about eight feet high. It was made in Germany more than a hundred years ago. It has brass works and a fine walnut case. The face is handsomely hand-painted in red and gilt. The face contains a map of the two hemispheres, islands, oceans, etc., and a calendar giving the number and date of each day in the year. Perhaps the most curious thing about it is a representation of the moon, which shows the different phases, light, dark, new, etc. Everything runs with perfect regularity and bids fair to keep time for several generations. Mr. Loftin has been offered quite a nice price, but refused to sell.

Davidson County—Lexington.

The writer spent Wednesday at Lexington and added a number of names to the WATCHMAN subscription list.

Davidson is one of the richest and best prospects counties of the State. The people are liberal, would sell their negroes. Lexington, the county seat, is a growing town. It has many pretty residences, good business houses and energetic business and professional men. Lexington has one cotton mill, shingle block factory, roller mill, lime flouring mill and other industries. The town is talking about $20,000 for paving purposes. The town has a high, healthy location. The hotel accommodations are good. The Marsh House is one of the best and most home-like hotels I've ever stopped at. We forgot to mention that a hosiery factory and sash factory. These are both successful enterprises.

Jay Gould and his Associates Spend a Night Here.

Several things were crowded out of our last issue. Among other things we failed to note that Jay Gould, his son and daughter, Gen. Sam Thomas and wife, Hon. Calvin Paine and wife, Mr. Lobain, President of the L. & D. R. R. party and other officials and employees of a private car left here last Wednesday night. They left New York on Monday evening and arrived here Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. They left here at midnight on the W. N. C. and it was said that Gould was to meet Jay Gould in Atlanta. Jay is a trump. We have some rich men here, but none of them can get a check cashed for a hundred millions or so.

We regret that the above party had not been completed last week. Jay Gould is the town. The party were met at the depot by a number of our citizens and were driven to the Salisbury where supper was served. The party were entertained by the Salisbury Quartette Club. The party left here at 12 o'clock for Atlanta.

Davidson County—Alliance in Session.

Mr. Editor—The Cabarrus County Alliance met according to appointment in the Court House on Saturday (31), at 10 o'clock a. m.

The following communication from the Southern Express Company was read and ordered to be published in the county papers:

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Yours truly,

J. C. [illegible]

Agent Southern Express Co.

Salisbury, N. C