

J. K. Graham, Esq., is in town this week.

Billeville has a building and loan association.

Mr. J. D. Palmer, of Albemarle, was up Saturday.

Mr. J. D. Bivens, of Albemarle, was here last week.

J. Rowan Davis, of Mill Bridge, is in town this week.

R. S. Templeton, Esq., of Iredell, was here Monday.

Mr. Sam Mennits, of Mill Bridge, was in town this week.

A furniture and hoop factory will be built at Billeville.

Burke county Alliance has established an Alliance exchange.

S. J. Pemberton, Esq., of the Albemarle bar, spent Saturday in the city.

Mr. W. T. Pickler, of Jerusalem, Davie county was in town last week.

Mr. B. B. Young, of Jables, was in town last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. J. W. Boston came up from Albemarle on the vestibule Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Harkness, of the Statesville bar, has been here about this week.

Better mail facilities are to be inaugurated all over this section on Monday.

Rev. J. A. Ramsey, pastor of Back Creek church, has been in town this week.

The Stanley manufacturing company at Billeville, will begin business with a capital of \$25,000.

Prof. J. A. Byens and W. J. Helmes, of the Albemarle High School, spent Saturday in Salisbury.

J. T. Mitchell, a postal clerk on the W. N. C., was jailed at Knoxville this week charged with forgery.

Mr. H. H. Jordan, of Mooresville, a prominent young attorney, is one of the visiting lawyers here this week.

The fastest train ever run on the R. & D. is the two vestibule train. You can go from Salisbury to New York in a little less than fifteen hours.

You will find it to your advantage, besides conferring a favor on us, when writing our advertisers to mention that you saw the ad. in the WATCHMAN.

Mr. J. Allen Brown, our worthy fighting editor, has been somewhat indisposed since the hot water set in. He is indisposed to fight or work either.

Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., president of Catawba College, will preside at the funeral of the wife and child of Stephen Kirk, at Shiloh Reformed church, on Sunday, May 10th at 11 a. m.

Any parties having bills against the Y. M. A. C. for anything furnished during the fire meeting are requested to present them at once to Mr. Olin Davis at the Davis & Wiley Bank.

The night clerk at the new hotel north corner of Main and Tenth-streets, had a difficulty with a drummer in the hotel office Tuesday night concerning a board bill. No one was hurt.

The Richmond & Danville railroad is building another long side track five miles south of Salisbury. With their side tracks they nearly have a double track from Washington to Atlanta.

Bro. J. C. Turner, of Statesville, has the editor in debt to him all the time for some kindness or another. The latest is for a club of six subscribers. He says there is more to come yet. Many thanks kind friend.

The following city fathers were elected at China Grove Monday: G. A. J. Sechler, Mayor; Dr. J. B. Gaither, J. F. Patterson, J. L. Hendleman, A. W. Wine-coff and M. P. Cline, Commissioners; H. J. Edleman, Constable.

There will be a banquet at Chapel Hill, on Wednesday, June 3d, at 2 p. m., for the trustees and alumni of the University. Those expecting to attend will please inform Hon. John Manning, at Chapel Hill, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

Editor Elkins, of Albemarle, has accepted the position of train dispatcher at that place and announces that he will withdraw from the Observer. We are sorry to lose him from journalism, but our loss is the railroad's gain.

Our thanks are due the faculty of Oak Ridge institute for a very handsome invitation to the commencement there on the 27th and 28th of May. Prof. Pendleton King will deliver the address. Sermon by Rev. Thos. Hume, D. D. L. D.

Remember that you can get land deeds, mortgage blanks, state warrants, marriage licenses or anything in the legal blank line at the WATCHMAN office at all times.

A new schedule will go into effect on the R. & D. road Sunday which will make some material changes. The southbound local passenger train No. 9, which is due here at 10:30 at night, will arrive at 12:30. The noon passenger train will leave at 11:54 instead of 12:03. The northbound local passenger, which arrives at 7 a. m., remains unchanged. The evening passenger train will leave at 8:45 instead of 8:48. The northbound vestibule will leave at 10:25 p. m., and the southbound at 6:31 a. m.

Thanks.

Our thanks are due Bros. C. M. Gouger, Mt. Mourne, C. A. Phillips, Craters, Forsyth county, and C. A. Guffy, of Alpha, and others for clubs within the past week.

A Leg Broken.

Master Valentine, the five year old son of J. W. Mauney, Esq., of this city, broke his left leg below the knee while playing in his father's barn last Friday afternoon. The little fellow has suffered much pain, but is getting along as well as could be expected.

Farmington Academy.

The closing exercises of Farmington Academy will take place on Tuesday, May 26. The address will be delivered by Rev. H. M. Blair, of Concord. The music will be furnished by an excellent cornet band. Our thanks are returned for an invitation to attend.

District Sunday School Convention.

The Methodist District Sunday School Convention will meet at Mt. Zion, near Davidson College to-day. Messrs. D. L. Gaskill, W. C. Wright and Misses Mattie Lanier and Maria Woodson are delegates from the M. E. Sunday school of this city.

A New Departure.

Mr. R. M. Davis, the furniture manufacturer, is making ready to increase his business. He is putting an eight horse-power gas engine in the basement of the building now occupied by him on Innis street. He will run his light furniture machinery with this at present. Mr. Davis turns out fine work from his establishment, and we are glad to note this evidence of progress.

Gone to Asheville.

Messrs. Edward Rely and Peter Degroff, of the United States Army, who have had charge of the recruiting station here for several weeks, left last Friday to report to headquarters at Charlotte. They will go from there to Asheville and will open a recruiting station there. They conducted themselves well while here and added a number of recruits. We hope they will meet with success at Asheville.

Confederate Decoration Day.

A detachment of the Salisbury Hook & Ladder Company are anxious, as is their usual custom, to decorate the graves of the few Confederate dead who are buried here, and to do this must have flowers. Ladies who will give or even sell flowers for this occasion will notify A. Parker on Saturday and they will be sent for Sunday afternoon May 10th, this being the day observed throughout the South.

Meeting of Classis.

Col. H. A. Forney, of Newton, Dr. J. C. Clapp, Dr. J. F. Foll, Rev. J. L. Murphy and J. F. Merrill, editor of the Press and Carolinian, Rev. C. A. Star and William Ramsuer, of Lenoir county, all passed through Salisbury on their way to Bethel German Reformed church in Stanley county where the classis met yesterday at eleven o'clock. Several of the gentlemen called in to see the WATCHMAN and were welcome. We hope to publish the proceedings next week.

A Backwood's Editor Loose.

Maj. J. P. Cook, of the Concord Standard, was in town on his way to Albemarle last Saturday. While in the WATCHMAN office he examined the gas fixtures very critically. He thought they were water works fixtures, and said he hoped to get them in Concord some time. He rode up town on the electric cars and declared them a grand labor-saving institution. We tried to disabuse his mind of the idea that so many people passing about was not unusual, but he declared it was court week.

City Election.

The city election Monday resulted in the election of all the regular nominees as follows: Mayor—T. C. Linn. COMMISSIONERS. North Ward—D. M. Miller, Chas. Atwell. South Ward—D. R. Julian, N. B. McCausland. East Ward—T. A. Coughenour, John Moxie. West Ward—J. W. Mauney, H. T. Trautman.

Let's Have a Grand Fourth of July Celebration.

Salisbury ought to be thinking about a grand Fourth of July celebration. The expense would not be great. The railroads would give low rates and hundreds of people will come. Good speakers can be procured and reel races, tournaments and other enjoyable amusements inaugurated. Everybody wants to take a day off. It's a good thing for people to mix together, see and be seen. From a business standpoint the town could well afford to undertake it. Let's have it.

A Handsome Gift.

Mr. Edwin Shaver, of this city, who is a Presbyterian, has been very kind to the Baptist congregation in this city. Last week he made them a present of a beautiful lot near the church on which to build a parsonage. We understand that it will be built within the next few months. This gift is highly appreciated by the congregation and the members and pastor are much encouraged.

Mr. Shaver is noted for his kind deeds.

Within the past few months he has given the Baptist church about \$75 in cash in addition to the lot.

Closing Exercises at China Grove Academy.

We had the pleasure of attending the closing exercises at China Grove Academy last Friday. Prof. Geo. D. Brown is the principal of this excellent school. Rev. Dr. Bays, pastor of the M. E. church, Concord, delivered the address on Friday. We did not hear the speech, but those who did were highly pleased. Dr. Bays is a minister of marked ability. The music and declamations by the pupils were very good. We noticed Mr. Newell, of the Concord Times, and other distinguished gentlemen on the rostrum.

The Musical Festival at Charlotte.

The Festival is over and is said to be the best yet. Salisbury was represented as follows: Ladies—Misses Fannie Shober, Jennie Bingham, Fannie McNeely, Linda Rumble, Fannie Caldwell, Addie White, Ella Brown, Bertha Knox, Ida Meroney, Phena Baker and Mrs. Theo. F. Kluttz and daughters, Mrs. A. H. Boyden, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. J. A. Ramsay. Gentlemen—D. L. Gaskill, J. A. Neely, Charley Brown, Theo. Brown, J. F. McCubbin, Dr. R. L. Ramsay, Frank Hains-ton, M. S. Brown, Dr. J. F. Griffith, Harry McCoy, Jr., Tom McBeck, Will Lindsay, Prof. W. H. Neave and possibly others.

From the way some of Salisbury's young men were "sparking" there may be a festival of another kind at Charlotte some time.

Lutherans in Council.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina assembled in its eighty-eighth annual convention at Enochville last Friday. This body is composed of thirty-five pastors and fifty-two churches. It is the oldest Lutheran Synod in the South and comprises about one-half of the Lutheran population of the State, the remainder being divided among the Tennessee, the Ohio and the Alpha synods.

The synod was promptly organized for the new synodical year by the enrollment of delegates and the election of officers. Rev. George H. Cox, of Mt. Pleasant, was elected president; Rev. C. A. Rose, of Rowan, vice-president; Rev. C. B. King, of Salisbury, secretary, and I. Frank Patterson, of China Grove, treasurer.

Our reporter did not send in the full report until too late for this issue. The proceedings will appear in full next week.

A COLORED MAN KILLED.

Len Henderson Falls in a Barroom and Ruptures a Blood Vessel.

Wednesday night of last week while in Rich's barroom on Innis street, Len Henderson fell and ruptured a blood vessel, which caused his death Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Ben Lindsay, yard master at the depot in Asheville, was in the barroom and under the influence of whiskey. He gave Len two or three drinks of whiskey and told him to go home. The negro began singing a comic song and did not start at once. Lindsay pushed or jerked him and he fell, striking his head on the floor. It was not thought that the negro was seriously hurt. He came up town the next morning, but went home and soon died.

The evidence brought out before the coroner's jury and before J. A. Ramsay, Esq., went to show that the killing was accidental as Lindsay was not angry at the time he pushed the deceased, consequently he was not held for trial. There are various opinions about it, but we only judge from the evidence brought forward.

THE FIFE MEETING.

It Closed Tuesday Night—Nearly 200 Converted—The Y. M. C. A. Make Him a Present of More Than \$600—The Result.

Mr. Fife closed a grand meeting here Tuesday night. This meeting was successful beyond all expectation. The meeting had been going on night and day for ten days. One hundred and seventy-six gave in their names and will join the various churches. More than \$600 was raised and presented to the evangelist.

Mr. Fife left Tuesday night for Charlotte, from which place he goes to Cleveland Springs where he will remain until May 17th when he goes to Spartanburg, S. C., to begin his next meeting. The members of nearly all the churches took part in the meeting. Several pastors were workers at every service. Mr. Billhorn led the singing and was assisted by Miss Linda Rumble on an organ and Prof. E. B. Neave and his cornet. Great crowds attended the meeting every night. Standing room was at a premium. The tabernacle was nearly full at each day service.

Mr. Fife is intensely earnest. He is not an orator. He is a man of commanding presence and possesses sufficient firmness to keep a large audience well under control. In addition to the 176 converts, many old church members were stirred up and backsliders reclaimed. Many men gave him their hand and promised never to enter a barroom or play cards again. Dozens of young men and ladies promised to quit dancing.

On last Sunday at 4 o'clock a meeting for men was held. This did a vast amount of good and many old sinners were deeply affected. On Saturday morning the subject of discourse was forgiveness. After the service Mr. Fife asked all who were at enmity to go to each other and make friends. Perhaps two dozen persons did so. If there had been no other good results from the

meeting this would have been worth all the trouble.

A number of drinking men were influenced by Mr. Fife to quit drinking. He has been a wild man himself and he seems to have a remarkable influence with real bad men.

Many revivalists and evangelists possess great magnetism and by this work upon the emotions of children and emotional people. Mr. Fife has none of this. Most of his converts are adults—old hardened sinners.

He uses a few stories as illustrations but does not seek to excite his audience in any way. His earnestness and familiarity with the Scriptures are his best weapons. He sometimes makes rash remarks, but no man is perfect.

Tuesday night when services closed all persons who endorsed the meeting were asked to rise to their feet. The entire audience stood up. A large crowd went to the depot Tuesday night to see Mr. and Mrs. Fife off. The time at the depot was spent in singing songs of praise and in prayer. Mr. Fife's last words as the train pulled out were, "I will meet you in the great city."

No such scenes were ever witnessed in any religious meeting here. The meeting has done much good. Perhaps some will fall, but it will not be Mr. Fife's fault. He did his duty. Those who professed will be responsible for their own shortcomings.

During the meeting many places of business were closed. On Tuesday the car shops and the Salisbury cotton mills shut down so that the operatives could attend each service. The managers should be commended for this. Come again Mr. Fife. The town is yours as long as you want to stay.

ASHEVILLE.

Notes About the Mountain Metropolis—A Fine City and Getting Better.

The writer spent Wednesday of last week at Asheville. We found Will Tomlinson unmarried, and pretty much everything else just as we left it last summer. Asheville is a dandy. No place in the State has a brighter future. The city has a population of about 12,000 and from 8,000 to 10,000 winter and summer visitors all the time. Asheville has more fine hotels than any other town. It is equally popular both as a summer and winter resort.

Asheville has 12 miles of electric street railroad, and 15 miles more are being constructed. Five miles will be built to the Sulphur Springs Hotel and six or eight miles more to the new hotel just started on "Craggy Heights," a mountain just north of Beaufeather. This line will be extended over Beaufeather and two other mountains near the city, forming a half circle.

All of the eligible building sites within four or five miles around are held at fabulous prices. Only new-paper men can buy this real estate, or stop at the Battery Park Hotel at \$7 per day. Asheville's new government building is a handsome one and will be finished this year.

We interviewed Bill Vanderbilt and Bill Nye. Mr. Nye is a "komic kuss." He is living at Skyland, 12 miles from Asheville. He says he doesn't care anything about politics and other ticks. The New York Herald pays him \$200 a week to write "stall" for it, so his conscience is easy. Bill says he would accept a steady job with the WATCHMAN if we would better his pay.

Billy Vanderbilt is building a pretty \$2,000,000 cottage two miles from Asheville. He paid \$70,000 for his farm and expects to spend \$5,000,000 on improvements. He is having the mountains leveled down. He can't stand the idea of wearing telegraph pole climbers when digging potatoes. Bill has a good deal of river bottom on the French Broad. He is raising flowers and other truck. An old darkey is giving the millionaire a good deal of trouble. This negro had ten acres of ground and refused to sell it. Bill bought all the land around it, but still the darkey lives, moves and has his cabin right in the midst of Bill's possessions. Mr. Vanderbilt has offered him \$2,000 for the ten acres, but he wants \$30,000—\$3,000 an acre.

Vanderbilt wanted to know what kind of a fellow Jim Cook is. We don't know whether he wants to adopt him or not. Mr. Vanderbilt subscribed for the WATCHMAN. He is going to join the Alliance and be a better citizen as soon as he gets his farm in shape.

We forgot to mention that Bill Nye is very much concerned about his mountain neighbors. He thinks they work their cows too much. He says that if they would work their cows less and their butter more the country would be more prosperous.

Superior Court.

Court met Monday, with His Honor Judge J. P. Graves on the bench. The following cases have been disposed of: State vs. D. L. Parker, affray, Parker fined \$10. State vs. Thos. Jordan, for failing to work road. Not guilty. State vs. Lee Sheriff, for burglary, in second degree. Guilty; one year in penitentiary. State vs. Mark Henderson and Sebasty Grasty. Retaining. Not guilty. State vs. Robert Mann and Carrie Black. f. & a. not guilty. State vs. Will Clark, larceny; guilty; four years in penitentiary. State vs. Warren Parree, murderer; guilty of manslaughter; 5 years in penitentiary. State vs. Maj. Whitaker and Henry Fisher, larceny of one chicken; guilty; 5 months in county jail; judgment suspended as to Fisher. State vs. Chas. A. Traylor, a & b, pleas guilty, fined \$5. State vs. Adam Claybell, larceny; guilty; 6 months in county jail. State vs. Frank Edwards and Chas. Edwards, larceny; guilty; Frank, 12 months in county jail; Chas. 6 months.

The above are the cases disposed of up to Thursday morning.

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