Carolina Watchman.

LOCAL.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3, 1891.

The street work is going on—but slow.

Eight new houses are going up in East Salisbury.

Hurry on with the macadamizing or get the boats in readiness.

A troupe of gipsy peddlers struck the city the first of the week.

Mrs. N. J. Terry has given up the St. James Hotel and returned to Winston.

The porch attached to the European House was torn down Tuesday evening.

The mountain apple and chestnut is coming into our market quite plentiful now.

Miss Amanda Fisher, of Concord, is visiting at the home of Mrs. John Howard.

Court adjourned at noon last Tuesday. Some cases were laid over until the next term of court.

Mr. James H. Ramsay and bride returned from their bridal trip last Saturday morning.

Mr. J. A. Stikeleather, of Statesville, delivered a lecture on prohibition, in the court house last Tuesday.

Mr. J. S. Eagle, a fireman on the Western road, is sick with the grippe at the home of Mr. J. C. West.

Dawns, the Charlotte negro burglar, who was to be hanged to-day, has been granted by the governor a respite of fifteen days.

Brother Click, of the Hickory *Mercury*, called in and paid us a pleasant visit last Friday. He is visiting his mother, in Davie county.

Capt. Albright, of the Yadkin road, was called, by a telegram, home last Sunday to attend the burial of his grandfather, in Virginia.

Last week Mr. Alex. Shaver subscribed for the WATCHMAN. This week when he came to town he brought with him two new subscribers.

The rain last Thursday gave the people some idea how the streets will be this winter if the work of improving is not pushed more rapidly.

Mr. Robert Felker, of Scotch Irish township has accepted the position of mailing clerk at the postoffice, Mr. Eugene Bean having resigned.

W. A. Fries & Co, have bought the sash, door and blind factory of J. B. Lanier. Mr. John W. Davis will have charge of the machinery department.

Rev. J. A. B. Schearer, missionary elect to Japan from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod South, will preach in the Lutheran church here next Sunday night.

Captain Burke went to Thomasville Tuesday to superintend the taking up of the remains of the Federal soldiers buried there, and will bring them here and place them in the National Cemetery.

Mr. Robert H. Partridge, a member of the U. S. Geological Survey, called at our office Monday. The survey for North Carolina is about completed. He goes from here to Florida.

Mr. J. Rowan Davis, of Mill Bridge, accepted a position as salesman with Mr. J. W. Bostian last Friday. Mr. Davis has been in the mercantile business before and no doubt Mr. Bostian has struck a bonanza.

Mr. E. N. Medernach, for a long time tintype artist at this place, died last Friday morning. His remains were sent to Danville, Va., for interment. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, which had charge of his burial.

R. E. Johnson, the newsboy who was seriously hurt in the Bostian bridge wreck, on that fearful night of August 26th, passed through here Monday on his way to Knoxville to accept his position again, having recovered from his injuries.

The cylinder head of a large engine in the Forest Hill cotton factory in Concord blew out last Saturday morning. Four hundred hands were thrown out of employment. The accident stops work in the bag factory also, being run by the same engine.

A man by the name of Suther hired a horse from Capt. Crawford's livery stable last Saturday morning to ride out a mile in the country. He had tried to get a horse from both of the other stables but they would not hire. After he got the horse he rode around in a back lot and turned it over to a man named John Cline. Cline immediately rode the horse out of town and has not been heard of since. Suther was arrested and put in jail. Court being in session, he was tried immediately and found guilty of conspiracy in horse stealing. He was sentenced, by Judge Armfield, to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Sam Jones' Lecture.

The night was bad, the crowd small, but Sam "Got There" just the same. It is useless for anyone to try to portray what this speaker says. His style is inimitable and for anyone to reproduce his lectures ruins the jest of his theme. His manner of speech is slow and distinct. His audience is continually swaying from breathless silence to convulsions of laughter. His lecture, "Get There," is a rare gem of wit. It is full of food for the mind. Sam Jones holds a magnetic influence over an audience that, doubtless, no other speaker in America holds. He does not fail to get in his sarcastic sayings.

Strange Death.

Mrs. Edmund Ridenhour died last Friday morning while in a lethargic sleep. She was living in Unity township at the time of her death. She went to sleep on the Sunday before and the efforts of her friends and the doctor failed to awake her.

The Book Reception.

This gathering of literature by the Y. M. C. A. last Friday night was a grand success. Four hundred and sixty-six books were actually contributed by the good people of Salisbury, with several others yet to hear from who promise to contribute. All did well; a few did exceedingly well. Dr. Summerell gave twenty-two books and Mr. N. B. McCanless gave eight; others did equally as well. The kind reciprocity the society met at the hands of the people shows the esteem in which the association is held by our people.

Mr. I. H. Foust conducted the exercises of the evening. Speeches were delivered by Revs. Jones, Rumple and Anderson. The Choral Union rendered several nice choruses. Then followed a nice lunch by the kind ladies. All partook of the rich feast and were filled. This was the most enjoyable festive occasion that Salisbury has had this season.

Now that this is a free library open to all, we hope that it will be liberally patronized. If at any time you have a few minutes to spend go up to this hall and attend to the cultivation of your mind.

Improvements Needed.

In our issue two weeks ago we advanced an idea that Council street should be improved. This idea has taken favorable with the people and all are anxious to see this street improved. The town commissioners or whoever this work is dependent upon should do it, *at once*. It is now bad enough, don't let it get worse.

Along the line of improvements which the town needs, is a better city hall. The one we now have is perfectly a blot on the town's prosperity. Many persons actually suffered the night of the Sam Jones lecture.

With the plastering all off of the overhead ceiling four stoves would be insufficient to heat up the room. This may be the best hall that can be afforded for the money, but the money will certainly build a better one. Some may think that the town may be injured by this denunciation of this crippled up hall in keeping first-class plays from coming here. But this fact is known to all companies who carry first-class concerns. We rarely see anything but the lower grade of plays, which are more damaging to the morals of the town than any other factor. If we go at all it is at the sacrifice of our health.

Tea Seeds Free.

EDITOR WATCHMAN:—Please say in your columns that the Horticultural Division of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station will send a package of tea seeds to all who enclose a stamp for postage.

These seeds should be planted at once and covered two or three inches, and some fine straw scattered over to keep the soil from freezing. Next summer shade the young plants until fully developed. Address,

W. F. MASSEY,
Horticulturist,
Raleigh, N. C.

A Batch of News from Davie.

We miss them—the turkeys.

On a boom—the per-simmon pudding.

Quite a number of our people went to hear Sam Jones lecture in Winston.

D. F. Bassett has gone south with a load of clay pipes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reed, of Asheboro, N. C., have moved to Farmington. Mr. Reed will supervise the making of fine roller flour at A. W. Ellis & Co.'s mill.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Swain are visiting relatives in Rowan ths week.

Messrs. Glenn Williams and John Ray, of Yadkin, Sundayed here.

E. J. Douthit, Sr., will at an early day move with his family to Florida.

Mrs. Atkinson, mother of W. J. Atkinson, did recently at a ripe old age.

Mrs. T. L. Clingman has returned from a visit among relatives and friends in Texas.

Mr. James Allen, of Furgerson, Iowa, formerly of this county, was a few days ago called to the bedside of his mother, who has been very ill for some time.

E. F. Teague, of the firm of S. A. Jarvis & Co., is in South Carolina selling tobacco.

As usual, the Methodist Sunday school at Farmington will have a Christmas tree on Xmas eve.

Quite a pleasant event was the reception given at the Bahnson House recently complimentary to Miss Ida Green, of Wilkesboro, who was visiting Miss Mattie Bahnson. Those present declare it second to none of the season.

The recent heavy wind and rain storm did much damage in our county. The frame of the colored graded school was blown down, and houses, sheds, shelters, timber and fences were blown and scattered about in a wholesale manner.

It is reported that Phillip Hanes and his mother will move to Winston in a short time. We regret very much to see such people leave our community.

Frank Swain has moved into his new house, which is near enough finished for that purpose. It will be completed at an early day.

Into each of the families of E. C. Smith, M. B. Brock and C. L. Kimbrough was recently born a son.

Last Monday the stray shots from a hunter's gun hit and penetrated the face of and side of the 14 year old daughter of John White. The wounds are painful but thought not serious.

HUSTLER.

Farmington, N. C., Dec. 1, 1891.

McDougald Acquitted.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 1.—In the case of McDougald on trial at Fayetteville for the murder of Coudy, which has been pending for the last two weeks, the jury after staying out all night came in this morning at 9:30, and amid the breathless silence of a densely packed court room rendered a verdict of not guilty. The verdict is said to have been received with surprise by the entire community.

MINING DEPARTMENT.

Mining News Gathered in This and Other States.

"Mining is a safe business if pursued with the same care and industry as merchandising, banking, or any other legitimate pursuit. It is also a creator of solid wealth. It is claimed that the profit on gold and silver mining, since the discovery of gold in 1848 on the Pacific coast, amounts to over 18 per cent. per annum. The miner of the precious metals does not exchange; he creates. What he takes from the earth has instant an intrinsic value. Every dollar he brings to the surface is another dollar added to the wealth of the world."

Rich in Minerals.

The Baltimore *Manufacturers' Record* says North Carolina is the State of all others for rare minerals. The preface of Bulletin 74 of the United States Geological Survey says that since 1881 "a goodly number of species have been added to the list" and that minerals formerly supposed to be rare are now found abundantly and have acquired commercial importance. "For example, in response to an industrial demand, North Carolina has supplied zircon and menagite by the ton, and samaiskite by the hundred weight, and the output can be increased almost indefinitely. The State has also contributed to science several new specimens as not found elsewhere, and some of these, notably among the vermicicultes, are significant for the light they shed upon other associated minerals." The commercial demand referred to comes from the manufacturers of the Welsback light. The invention consists in saturating a fine film of silk with a solution of these minerals. This is placed over the flame of a common Argand lamp, the heat from which destroys the silk but leaves the mineral net work intact. The peculiar quality of these minerals is that they absorb certain of the colored rays, and give a pure, bright, white light, like that of the sun. Since the Welsback lamp has been introduced in London it has displaced all other illuminators for the use of chemists and microscopists, for it is more steady and reliable than any other, bright daylight not excepted. The one trouble thus far has been that the film would not bear transportation, but recently the manufacturers think they have overcome this by incasing it in solidified petroleum. When the film, thus protected, is put in position, the flame quickly burns away the coating as well as the silk. Should this prove to be practicable, then the demand for these minerals will draw heavily on North Carolina's great supply.

The L. Coliosky Company, of Washington, D. C., says the Morganton *Herald*, who have been for some time operating an asbestos mine about four miles south of that place, on the Laural road, have, it is reported, struck a big deposit of the mineral at a depth of about one hundred feet from the top of a shaft sunk in the side of the mountain. A tunnel has just been completed which drains the shaft and enables the miners to work to better advantage. Negotiations are now pending for the sale of the property to an English syndicate. The samples of asbestos from this mine are as fine as has ever been seen here.

Mr. Partridge, of the United States Geological Survey, called in to see us this week. He says th survey will be of incalculable value to the mineral deposits of this State. He says this State is richer in minerals than any other State of the Union. North Carolina has a great variety of precious minerals. When this map is completed her full value will be seen.