

the Best News in Rowan and Vicinity.

New Advertisements.

Mr. John R. Eoff, of Hampton, Va., Tuesday in the city.

The "G. Plunkard" company will show the new opera house Monday night.

The stock of the late Wm. Brown was disposed of at public auction last Saturday.

Remember that only those who pay their newspaper subscriptions can enter the yearly gates.

Aman & Carter have received their goods and have put their Racket Store in shape to receive customers.

A correspondent writes to inform us that one, and perhaps two, persons will get married in his neighborhood soon.

John Keen, Jr., son of Dr. J. R. Keen, former resident of Salisbury, died of pneumonia in Knoxville, Tenn., last week.

Rev. M. W. Boyles, the prominent and popular Methodist minister at Lexington died last Friday. He was buried Sunday.

James P. Cook's oldest child, the baby girl, gave its fourth birthday party last Thursday. It is a bright young one, and deserves success.

Tuesday, the birthday of General Lee, was a State holiday, but was not observed here. Many other cities in the South celebrated it in a proper manner.

Young ladies who mean to avail themselves of leap year's high privileges will please remember that Plain Jim Cook, as well as ourselves, have no special aversion to matrimonial bonds.

The Charlotte Chronicle has been purchased by Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, who will continue it. It is thought that Mr. Jos. P. Caldwell, of the Statesville Landmark, will edit it.

The Rowan County Alliance held its three days' session at the Court House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. A set of resolutions were passed, which appear on the second page of this paper.

The depot at Catawba station on the Western road was burned to the ground, together with all its contents, Sunday night. Agent Reister narrowly escaped with his life. The origin of the fire is not known.

The commissioners of Salisbury and Rowan county have not discussed the license question, but we have heard outside parties speaking of it, and are informed that there is an organized movement on foot to defeat it.

Rev. Father Franke has been transferred from the Catholic church at Raleigh to a similar charge at Charlotte. Many of our people remember Father Franke, he having served the Catholic congregation here a few years ago.

Ministers permits over the Richmond & Danville railroad for 1891, are extended and made good until January 31st 1892, by which time the new permits for 1892 will be issued and in the hands of our clergy.

The public installation of officers of the K. of P. was not held Tuesday, owing to the fact that Rev. Dr. Creasy, of Charlotte, who was booked for an address, did not arrive. It will probably be held next Tuesday night.

There was an extensive strike of express messengers on the R. & D. road from Washington to New Orleans, last week. It caused considerable inconvenience at first but the company has secured new men to fill the place of the strikers, who have lost their cause.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. "Lum" Kester, which occurred at his home five miles from this city, last Wednesday evening. He was a son of Thomas Kester and was well known in this county. He leaves a wife and several children, to whom we extend our sympathy.

The new schedule which went into effect Sunday brings the northbound night train here at 9:45 instead of 11; and the night train on the Western at 11:12 instead of 10:12. There is very little change in the running of other trains. This will give us a night mail from the South.

On Monday Wineoff & Edleman, an extensive grocery and produce house at China Grove, made an assignment to Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury. Liabilities and assets not stated. Each member reserves a homestead exemption of \$500. The stringency of money matters was the cause.

We see by the New Bern Journal that Mr. H. A. Banks, formerly Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Chronicle, has been promoted to assistant professor of English in the State University. Mr. Banks is a rising young man, and his many friends here receive the information of his promotion with pleasure.

The Albemarle News calls the attention of the commissioners to the bad condition of the streets (as we do, in vain, up here), and concludes with this sentiment: "Now, gentlemen, don't be backward in coming forward." We infer from the News that the city fathers of Albemarle are very forward in going backward.

The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow fell again last Thursday night and covered the country around with a mantle of white. It was evident from the appearance of the Yadin train Friday morning that it did not extend as far as Norwood. Another light snow fell Tuesday night, but it soon melted.

Ed. Montgomery, a fireman on a freight train on the R. & D. road, came near meeting his death at King's Mountain last Saturday night. The water in some way broke loose, flooding the furnace. The blast that followed threw him off the engine, breaking his shoulder. The train was running about thirty miles an hour at the time, and the wonder is that he was not killed.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the rooms of the Old Hickory Club to-night to take steps in regard to the tobacco interests of Salisbury. A few years ago our town was one of the tobacco markets of the State. There will be an attempt made to restore it to its former condition. Do not stay away on account of the mud.

The commissioners of half a dozen or more counties in the State have recently refused to renew license to sell liquor. The commissioners of Vance county took the ground that a man who would sell liquor was not of good moral character. However, Judge Connor overruled this decision, and the board was forced to grant license. Charlotte and other towns may yet lose the light.

Taking effect Saturday, January 17th, 1892, the Richmond & Danville railroad will run mixed trains Nos. 61 and 65 over the A. T. & O. railroad between Charlotte and Statesville tri-weekly, making round trips Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. These trains were not operated last Tuesday, the tri-weekly service commencing with train No. 64, Thursday, January 21st, 1892.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rowan Knitting Mill was held on Monday. The old board of directors was re-elected, with Theo. F. Klutz, as president, and F. J. Murdoch, as secretary and treasurer, at the helm. A dividend of 2 per cent was declared. New machinery was ordered purchased in order to increase the capacity of the mill.

Mecklenburg and Rowan are going to run a race to see who will give the WATCHMAN the most subscribers and advertising. Rowan is a long way ahead at the start and we are going to bet on the Dutch. But the Mecklenburg patriots are hard to beat. It is important that all go to work at once. Those who have clubs and those who have promised them should not wait.

Many of our people who visited Robinson's circus last fall saw and admired "Dan," the large male ostrich, but none of them knew that he was valuable for more than an exhibit. He died in winter quarters at Cincinnati, of grippe, last Friday. A post-mortem examination was held, and the \$200 diamond which he plucked from a gentleman's shirt bosom, in Montreal, last summer, was found imbedded firmly in the stomach.

There has been more of what is termed "weather" the past week than during any previous week since last winter. The rain has been falling almost incessantly since the snow last Thursday night. Many streams have swelled so that it is impossible to cross them. A letter mailed at Farmington, Davie county, Tuesday of last week did not reach here until Saturday night, owing to high water. The ground in this city was covered with a coat of ice Monday, and many were the downfalls of both sleet and sinner. The weather is warmer now, but old ho is muddy.

Married. In the Methodist church at Mooresville at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, by Rev. Mr. Wood, Miss Emma A. Ross and Mr. Mark Hoffman, both residents of this city. They came down on the Western train last night, and will make their future home in Salisbury. The WATCHMAN wishes them a long and happy life.

Masquerade Ball. The masquerade ball at the St. James Hotel last eclipsed any other social event of the season. It was all the talk in society circles during the week, and was a success from the start. There were about forty young ladies and gentlemen present wearing costumes with masques. There were also a large number without costumes. About one hundred spectators looked on delighted. The costumes were of all shapes and sizes. We would like to give them, but space forbids. We will mention one, that of Mrs. Chas. J. Bingham, who represented the WATCHMAN. At 11 o'clock the unmasking took place, and many were the surprises. They danced until a late (or early) hour, and then dispersed to their respective homes well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Two Valuable Books. We have undertaken to furnish our readers with two very valuable books, "Labor and Capital," is the title of one the other is "Profitable Farming in the South." These books ought to be in the hands of every farmer in North Carolina. The books can be seen at the WATCHMAN office at any time. The price of "Labor and Capital," is \$2.00, cloth binding; "Profitable Farming" is \$3.50, cloth. Call and see them and give us your order.

The directors of the Piedmont Alliance Fair Association are requested to meet in Salisbury the first Saturday in February. The Finance committee are requested to meet with them.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Give Us Electric Lights.

Monroe is a small town, not half the size of Salisbury, yet she is to have electric lights. Most towns in the State are ahead of us in this regard. The charter of the Salisbury Gas Company was amended by an act of the legislature so as to give it the right to add an electric light plant. They seem to be very slow in taking advantage of this privilege. The hands employed to light the street lamps shirk their work when the weather is very disagreeable, leaving the people to find their way home as best they can. Moreover, the gas is often very poor. With an electric plant all the lights could be turned on and off by pressing a button. Street lamps should burn until midnight, which is not done under the present system. Start the electric bolt in motion. Discuss it.

Cleveland Passes Through.

Grover Cleveland, ex-president of the United States, passed through here on the delayed Vestibule train Sunday. Cleveland is a big man, and that may have been the cause of its being behind time. Very few knew he was aboard, hence no large crowd gathered to see him. He sat reading a newspaper and did not seem to notice any one. But when we walked into the car he put on one of those broad smiles that adorned his countenance when the election return of '84 were coming in. He thanked us for the nice local notice we gave him and Frances the last time they passed through. He said he was en route for the home of Joe Jefferson, in Louisiana. He has his dog along and proposes to take a big hunt with the famous cocked hat. We told Grover that he did a bad thing when he declared against the free coinage of silver. He begged to differ with us, and of course we granted him that privilege. A discussion was about to ensue, when the conductor called out, "All aboard," and as we did not have enough free coinage to spare to pay our way to the next station and back, we bid the ex-president a hasty adieu. He made us promise to come down and see him on his return north, however.

At many stations along the route Mr. Cleveland pulled down the blind. He did not want to be troubled by the people. At Charlotte he was called, but it was Sunday, and as he could not preach there a sermon he simply bowed. It is evident from his coolness that he is not bidding for the presidency this fall.

This is for You.

The WATCHMAN did not start out to do a credit business, but there is a good deal of money due it on subscriptions carried over.

It is surprising how careless some people are about these little matters. A dollar or two does not amount to much, but when several hundred owe that much each, it is a good deal to a poor newspaper man.

We have experimented about long enough to find out who will pay and who will not. Members of the church who sing every Sunday and sing, "Just I be carried to the sky, on flowery beds of ease," with so much earnestness are expected to pay the editor, but some of them don't do it. Though they ought to know that they will never pass the "golden gates" if they start away owing for their paper.

We have been patient. Those who have not received bills will get them before the first of February. All who fail to pay up by that time may expect to pay according to law, or pay cost in addition to the small amounts. If any neglect it or get out of it by raising technical points they will see their names published to the world. We mean business now. We would like to retain every name on our list. The WATCHMAN is going to be lively from now on, but the money must be on hand hereafter when the paper goes. A word to the wise is sufficient.

One of Them.

A few of the cares and vexations that beset an editor's pathway are shown in the following specimens of news items sent in by a voluntary correspondent a few days ago:

"Mr. Editor: Here are some news from our vicinity. Also one knew subscriber. My neighbors say you print the best paper in the county.

(Wish they could prove it.) "1st. Mrs. Jones, wife of Jack Jones, who has been sick, is still on the sick list.

"2nd. Prair meeting Wednesday night at Sugar Creek School House, well attended, the coalition of the Church seems to be in as great a purity as ever.

"3rd. A spelling B at Sugar Creek School on Tuesday night, at which the Bolivar school was given a corgeal invitation to join. They had a splendid spelling.

"Excuse errors, if any. (All right, if any.) "P.S. I wish you would fix up a peace in regard to the burial of Christopher Burjans. Living South of us about 2 and 1/2 miles, and was buried by the lodge in good order, for which his widow received \$1,000. Price of coffin 60 dollars. He was a man of good character. You can fix it up better than I can.

(Perhaps) "Yours, —"

Doctor W. H. Wakefield, of Greensboro, N. C., will be in Salisbury at the Mt. Vernon Hotel on the 21st and 22nd Wednesdays, Feb. 21 and 22. Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose.

OFFICE FOR RENT.—A neat and comfortable room on second floor suitable for an office of any kind. Plenty of light. Apply at — THIS OFFICE.

MECKLENBURG NEWS.

What is Going on Among the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

To the Farmers of Mecklenburg.

With this issue of THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN dates the beginning of my connection with it as editor of the Mecklenburg department. My connection with the paper in this capacity has been brought about by the action of the Mecklenburg County Alliance in adopting it as their official organ, and the belief on the part of those concerned that I possessed the requisites for the position.

My opportunity for extending my acquaintance with the tillers of the soil of Mecklenburg has been somewhat limited, but to each one of them I am ready to extend my hand as a token of esteem, to help them to throw off the burdens that now so oppress them, and to help them to remove the obstacles that have for so long a time tyrannically bound them to the dust and kept them from becoming a truly independent people. My home was formerly on the farm; there is where I was born and reared; and there is where I learned to know the dire difficulties that the farmer constantly confronts. The farmer is the backbone of government, of commerce, of the world; yet his rights are trampled upon more than the rights of any other class. He is so completely ignored by those who rule that, were he to stop and consider, the most dare-devil would blush with shame. The farmer needs relief—who would dare say he does not? and who would be heartless enough to not extend a hand in helping him to unload some of his burdens, or throw a ray of light across his pathway in his darkest hours?

I have no fight to make on any persons or parties; I was born a Democrat, grew up a Democrat, and am a Democrat. I believe the grand principles taught in the genuine old Jeffersonian Democracy to be pure and good, and will triumph some day because they are true. But there is corruption in all ranks,—and corruption is corruption, no matter where found.

With these remarks of salutation to my friends in and out of the Alliance, I ask one and all of the tilling masses to stand by me as I meet in the arena of public contest the gladiators of satanism, and when the fight shall have been declared off we will be flushed with a complete victory for the grand principles of our cause.

Respectfully, J. F. NEWELL.

LAST NOTICE!

All persons indebted to us for Fertilizer, either by note, mortgage or account, are notified that unless settlement is made by Feb. 1st, we will be compelled to put the claims on for collection. McCUBBINS & McCANLESS.

HORSE FOR SALE!

Good five year old horse for sale. Good gait; perfectly gentle; will work anywhere. Weights about 1,200 pounds. Reason for selling: I have no use for a horse. Write or call on — JOB RAMSAUER, China Grove, N. C.

JEWELRY!

I am Still on Deck With NICE JEWELRY OF ALL KINDS.

See my stock before you purchase. Respectfully, S. A. L. JOHNSON.

DRUGS.

Family 10-Cent Diarrhoea Mixture

Unequaled for the Cure of Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaint, Pains in the Stomach and Bowels, &c.

Respectfully, T. F. KLUTTZ & CO.

First National Bank

Capital, \$50,000. Surplus and Profits, \$38,000.

General Banking business transacted.—Deposits solicited.

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bought a peck of apples and had a quart of apple juice thrown in.

A great many farmers say they are going to cut down the acreage of cotton this year. It will probably cause a considerable falling of in receipts at the Charlotte market next selling season.

Considerable talk of reviving the gold mining industry in this county is being indulged in now. It is probable that right extensive machinery will be put in at the Blair mine in Clear Creek township.

The grip has about completed its rounds in Mecklenburg, and those who have had it are anxious that northern scientists shall catch and keep every one of the grip bacilli, which he has lately made an acquaintance with.

Chas. Henderson, a negro was caught fingering Uncle Sam's bundle in the post-office here two years ago, and sentenced to the Albany penitentiary in back home. He delights his friends by giving them descriptions of "life on the Hudson."

Several days ago Mr. Wilson, of the firm of Hammond & Justice, make a coal fire in his grate. After it started to burn he discovered a silvery looking metal pouring out of the burning coal. When it got cool enough it was found that the metal was pure babbit.

A good many farmer's sons and daughters are joining hearts and hands to trot down the path of life together this winter. We believe this is not the sign usually given as a sure forerunner of a hard year, and all people are therefore glad to see other people so lucky.

Only \$1.90 for the Progressive Farmer, Watchman and a picture of all the officers of the national Alliance including each State President.

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FETZER'S CLOTHING

Gent's Furnishing Goods, &c.

Together with a nice line of BOOTS AND SHOES

AT COST!

We have purchased the entire stock of H. & L. WRIGHT, and will positively close it out at cost.

Call at once and examine our goods and Bargains at

FETZER'S CLOTHING STORE.

Wright's old stand, opposite Postoffice.

NEW FIRM

WITH NEW GOODS!

The undersigned have bought out the stock of Mr. P. W. BROWN, on Fisher street, opposite D. R. Julian & Co.

We are constantly receiving new goods for the Fall and Winter trade. We have a select stock of

Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, and everything found in a

First Class Dry Goods Store.

We mean business and will sell everything at reasonable prices and treat you right.

We will pay the highest market prices for Chickens, Butter, Eggs, Corn, Peas, and all kinds of Country Produce. See us before you sell.

Respectfully, L. RITCHIE & CO.

Salisbury, Nov. 25th, 1891.

W.H. & R.S. TUCKER & CO.

DRY GOODS!

WINTER, 1892.

MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

Through our Mail Order Department, we offer advantages to the people of North Carolina for "Shipping by Mail," second to none in the Southern States, for by the means of this a very important branch of our great business we place almost at the very doors of our patrons our enormous stock of goods, and we do carry the largest and finest collection of Dry Goods and kindred wares, at retail, of any house in North Carolina, and equalled by very few Southern houses. We want the patronage of North Carolina people, not simply that ours is a North Carolina house, but because we will sell them Dry Goods at as low prices, for the same quality, as any house in the trade.

We can only mention here a few of the more important departments, but will be glad to hear from those who desire anything relative to Dry Goods or the kindred wares.

Foreign and Domestic Dress Materials, Black Dress Goods, Suits, Suits, House Furnishing Goods, Carpets, Curtains, &c.

Letters of inquiry promptly answered; samples our patrons will please be definite as to the kind of goods desired. Intelligent attention can then be given their orders.

GOODS DELIVERED FREE (except Furniture and Crochery)

On all orders of \$5.00 and over we will deliver goods free to nearest Express office or Railroad station.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO., Raleigh, N. C.

Mention the Watchman when you write.

RACKET STORE.

Hard times is the harvest to the man with dollars.

How the failures come now to credit dealers, how their stocks have to go for dollars.

So many applications come to us we are puzzled which to take.

We are going out of business, as my health is considerably impaired, but as we are going out, we will sell our goods at a great sacrifice.

LOOK OVER THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PRICES

All our \$3.50 to \$4.50 Men's Suits the best values at the price ever sold in Charlotte will now go at \$2.25. Plenty of good \$5 to \$6 suits in this \$3.25 line.

We made a great cut in a line of \$15 Suits to \$9.50. All the balance of these will now go at \$5.50. Over twenty styles of fine hard finished Cassimeres, black Diagonals and fine Cheriot suits in both socks and cutaways.

We are closing a line of Melton Overcoats at \$4. worth \$8.

Men's Pants from 40 cents per pair up. One

out we shall gather many victories from the disasters of credit and give them out to the public. We are already cutting thousands of dollars in the middle, for we gather daily from the wrecks of former dealers, hard pressed, who accept what they can get.

If the country was out of debt the failure of a crop would not be such a great matter.

Line of elegant \$1 Cassimeres Pants at \$2. One lot of Government Fine cloth goods, made for the government and sold for reasons of overstock. We bought fifty pieces and made up the pants at \$2.50 per pair.

Boys' Caps Overcoats at \$2 to \$3.50. Very cheap.

One lot of about forty Ladies' Cloaks at 25 per cent. less than you can buy the cloth. Everything in the Cloak Department at half price.

Five cases Cannon Mills bleach, the best goods ever sold for the money, at 8 cents per yard. Best standard prints 50 per yard; best quality white cloth 20 per yard.

Fine Zinc and Lead covered Trunks at 25 per cent. less than factory prices.

Stacks of Christmas goods now in and are low down. Crochery, Glass and Queensware at prices to close them out.

They must go.

W. J. DAVIS & CO., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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