

Carolina Watchman.  
CITY AND COUNTY.  
The Best News in Rowan and  
Vicinity.  
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Local Editor.  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1902.  
Action every day at Reiser's.  
Chas. D. Blanton, mayor Asheville,  
passed through the city Tuesday.  
Mrs. A. C. Reiser left last night for  
old home in Hagerstown, Md.  
W. R. Becker returned last night  
from an extensive trip through Florida.  
J. J. Rowan Davis has accepted a  
position as clerk for Lipton & Lichten-  
stein.  
Operations were resumed at the ice  
factory a few days ago, after the usual  
winter rest.  
Mr. C. A. Montgomery, of Norwood,  
has moved to Salisbury, and makes this  
his future home.  
Rev. Mr. Eife is conducting a series of  
services in Norfolk, Va., and as usual is  
attracting large crowds.  
Miss Maggie Sowers went north last  
Friday night to lay in a spring and sum-  
mer stock of millinery.  
An every day auction at Reiser's next  
week.  
The WATCHMAN does not run a Cheap  
Job office, but it guarantees finer  
work than any other office in Salisbury.  
The affairs of J. B. Sheets, who lately  
succeeded, have been straightened out,  
and he has opened up business again.  
S. A. L. Johnston has just erected a  
new awning, in preparation of the com-  
ing summer. So far three have been put  
up.  
It is said that J. B. Lanier and  
J. H. Vanderford have purchased a Car-  
olina county gold mine, for \$8,000 or  
\$10,000.  
Mr. James Wren's brother, whom we  
mentioned as lying critically ill in Brook-  
ville, Fla., died on Friday. We extend  
sympathies here our sympathy.  
Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and  
therefore the beginning of Lent. The  
season will be properly observed by the  
Episcopal and Catholic churches here.  
We learn of two prosperous young  
Main street merchants who will soon  
change their "single blessedness for mar-  
riage." Our hat is off to the young  
folks.  
The annual meeting of the stockholders  
of the Building & Loan Association will  
be held at the manager's office 4:30 p. m.  
All the shares in the first series expires  
on March 5th.  
The directors of the First National  
Bank met Monday and declared an annual  
dividend of 10 per cent. This  
bank is in excellent condition and is  
perfectly sound.  
Sheriff Monroe lightened the burden  
on the county on Monday by taking five  
prisoners to the penitentiary. Two of  
the convicts were white and three colored.  
Good riddance.  
A number of our merchants have re-  
ceived their spring and summer goods.  
Mr. J. W. Barton opened his up a few  
days ago, and will now measure out bar-  
gains with renewed energy.  
Mr. Eugene Johnston will dispose of  
his effects here and leave for Winston in  
a few weeks. The WATCHMAN regrets  
very much to see Mr. Johnston leave,  
for such men never leave a place without  
leaving a mark.  
The luncheon given by the St. Cecilia  
Society last Thursday evening was a de-  
cided success. The proceeds amounted  
to \$57.75, which is a very little sum.  
It will be applied to repairing the Episco-  
pal church.  
Phil Thompson, W. C. Fraley's brot-  
er, won in the race for the \$300 premium  
at the New Bern fair last week. The  
time made was 2.10. This is very good  
when it is considered that the track was  
in bad condition owing to heavy rains.  
The penny post at the postoffice were  
opened last Saturday. It had been out  
of order and only contained about \$5.  
Besides that a quantity of seal coats, but-  
toned pieces of iron, and other such coun-  
try currency was taken out.  
Mr. E. C. Stickney, the stout man,  
gave an exhibition of his strength before  
the postoffice Tuesday afternoon. He is  
a very stout man, but we have men in  
Salisbury who can do almost anything he  
did. Some of his most important acts  
were the collections which he did not  
fail to take up.  
The highest price realized on tobacco  
for this season was paid for Mr. C. P.  
Thompson's crop, which was sold at the  
Planters' Warehouse this morning. The  
lot weighed 682 pounds and was knocked  
down at \$100.25, an average of 14 1/2 cents  
per pound.  
An alarm of fire was sounded a few  
minutes before noon last Saturday. The  
bell rang vigorously, and a large crowd  
started in search of the fire. It was dis-  
covered to be a false alarm, caused by  
smoke coming from the stove and eman-  
ating from the windows of the Truth  
printing office.  
The log about figure of Charlie Deems,  
sometimes called "Dutch Charlie," will  
never be seen on our streets again. He  
died of consumption, at his home on  
Fisher street, last Thursday afternoon,  
after an illness of several weeks. He  
was in charge of the shops of Salis-  
bury for several years, and was an ex-  
perienced hand.

A sumptuous banquet was given the  
Judge, solicitor and the Salisbury bar,  
by the front supervisors of this town ship  
at the Mt. Vernon Hotel last Friday night.  
At half past eight a tempting supper was  
served, after which the party repaired to  
the parlor and spent the rest of the night  
in conversation and story-telling.  
The WATCHMAN learns with pleasure  
of the promotion Mr. J. W. Webb has  
received to a position in the office of the  
general manager of the R. & D. system,  
at Atlanta, Ga. This is a large feather  
in Mr. Webb's cap, but no more than he  
deserves. By his courtesy he has won  
many friends here who are pleased to  
hear of his rise.  
Mr. Jacob Oldwiler, of Ouzay, Color-  
ado, was in the city Tuesday. He came  
here in the endeavor to purchase a gold  
mine southeast of town. He wants this  
mine and will negotiate for the purchase  
of other mining that is as good. As soon  
as he can dispose of his property in Col-  
orado he will return to Salisbury pre-  
pared to buy. He has faith in our mines.  
**Burglary Last Night.**  
Burglars entered Mr. T. F. Young's  
store last night, helped themselves to  
what they wanted and departed in peace.  
The entrance was effected by removing a  
glass in the front window which had been  
broken by a flying missile from the street  
workers. The robber, or robbers, went  
in, lighted a lamp, and after taking all  
they wanted in the way of shoes, hats,  
ladies undershirts, etc., and all the change  
in the money drawer, amounting to about  
75 cents, unbolted the back door and es-  
caped. Mr. Young estimates the total  
loss at between \$25 and \$30. One of the  
clerks slept up over the store, but the  
burglars did their work so quickly that  
he was not awakened.  
There is no clue to the perpetrators but  
it is thought to be home talent.  
**Another Granite Company.**  
The Salisbury Granite Company was  
organized in this city last Saturday, with  
a capital stock of \$250,000. The stock-  
holders are principally residents of Salis-  
bury, Statesville and Asheville. The  
following officers were elected: Thos. H.  
Vanderford, president and general man-  
ager; J. W. Mauney, secretary and treas-  
urer; J. S. Henderson, M. C. Quinn, J. M.  
Hader, G. W. Wright, of Salisbury,  
W. M. Cooper, of Statesville, Geo. Powell  
and James Loughran, of Asheville, di-  
rectors.  
The company owns about 250 acres of  
land south-east of town, on which there  
is an immense deposit of granite. Steps  
will soon be taken to develop the quarry  
and place the granite on the market.  
This is another one of the enterprises  
that are going to make this the most  
prosperous year of Salisbury's existence.  
Rowan county is richer in granite than  
any other county in the State is in gold.  
**Conclusion of Court.**  
Court adjourned Friday evening after  
clearing the docket. The following are  
all the important cases disposed of by this  
term:  
John Shuping, seduction with promise  
of marriage, three years in the peniten-  
tiary.  
R. M. Taylor, forgery, eighteen months  
in the penitentiary.  
James Williams, colored, larceny, ten  
years in penitentiary. Sentence was after-  
wards reduced to five years.  
Major Whittaker, larceny, three years  
in the penitentiary.  
Richard Kinton, larceny, two years in  
penitentiary.  
London Jones, colored, fornication and  
adultery, twelve months in jail, with  
privilege to hire out during last six  
months.  
Margaret Basinger, fornication and  
adultery, twelve months in jail.  
Lewis Vogler and Will Brice, nuisance.  
Case remanded to mayor for trial.  
Bill Phillips, larceny. Pled his own  
case and was acquitted.  
The famous cotton stealing case of  
State vs. Vasco Goodnight, G. W. Revels  
and others, was continued for defend-  
ants.  
The case of most absorbing interest was  
that of John Shuping, for seduction. It  
occupied nearly two days, and it was  
generally thought till the verdict of guilty  
was rendered that he would be acquitted.  
The docket was cleared by Friday  
evening and court adjourned, the judge,  
solicitor and visiting lawyers returning  
to their respective homes or places of  
business.  
**Tabacco.**  
Since the rain on Sunday tobacco has  
been coming in briskly. Both ware-  
houses have had large breaks. At the  
Planters' Warehouse yesterday 23 piles  
aggregating 2,414 pounds, were sold.  
Capt. Beard reports good prices prevail-  
ing and all the sellers were satisfied.  
One lot of 149 pounds, belonging to A. J.  
Hege, from near Fork Church, Davie  
county, brought \$11.60. This gentleman  
sold same grade in Winston last week,  
but did not realize near as much per pound.  
So far the market has been very good.  
Last season Salisbury was known to be  
one of the best markets in the State, and  
she will try to hold that fame this year.  
But in the face of the present prosper-  
ity the business men of Salisbury should  
not forget the promise made that they  
would form a leaf tobacco association, in  
order to keep up prices, if warehouses  
were opened. Prices are good at present,  
but the manufacturers have not got the  
money they had last year. There is a  
chance for the company to make money  
on its operations, but if it does not they  
would induce people to sell who now go  
elsewhere. The merchants, who are  
mostly benefited, by the presence of a  
tobacco market, should organize the Salis-  
bury Leaf Tobacco Association.

**The Roanoke and Southern.**  
A rumor was current here about two  
weeks ago to the effect that the Roanoke  
& Southern railroad had been bought by  
the Norfolk & Western. It was promptly  
denied by Winston papers, but later de-  
velopments show that the rumor was not  
without foundation in fact. On Febru-  
ary 26th it leaked out that the road  
had been leased by the N. & W., and it  
was officially announced a few days later.  
Possession was taken on Monday of this  
week.  
The lease has been the cause of re-  
joicing all along the line of the new road.  
It has also greatly revived hopes in the  
towns that have been endeavoring to se-  
cure its southern extension. It is said  
that property in Winston will advance  
25 per cent. in consequence. This is a  
signal for Salisbury to buckle on her  
spurs again, and show the new man-  
agement that she is anxious for the road  
and is willing to pay for it. A vote was  
taken on subscriptions along the line by  
way of Lexington and Gold Hill, and the  
proposition was lost. This shows that  
they are not as anxious for the road as we  
are. Salisbury has never yet voted on  
an appropriation to a railroad or other  
enterprise and lost. And she is not  
going to defeat any reasonable proposi-  
tion. The lively way of Salisbury and  
Charlotte can give one fifty per cent.  
more than any other route.  
Let Salisbury make an endeavor to get  
the road. It is understood that the  
Norfolk & Western is going to seek an  
outlet south from Winston very soon,  
and we ought to show her that it is to  
her advantage to come here. Charlotte,  
who was never known to stand back,  
is ready to co-operate with us in this mat-  
ter. Charlotte sent a delegation to the  
Lexington meeting with instructions to  
promise that if the road was brought  
there she would give them anything they  
wanted.  
The Norfolk & Western has become  
famous as "the town builder," and to  
Salisbury it would be the most welcome  
rival of the R. & D. that could come  
here.  
**Marriage.**  
Mr. George R. Hanger and Miss Phebe  
Baker were united in the holy bonds of  
matrimony at the home of the bride's  
father, Mr. C. P. Baker, on church street,  
Monday night. Rev. Dr. Rumpie of-  
ficiated. The marriage was a private  
one, only the family and a few invited  
friends being present. A number of val-  
uable and handsome presents were re-  
ceived. They will make Salisbury their  
home. The WATCHMAN wishes the  
happy couple many blessings.  
**Auction at Reiser's next week.**  
**Public Schools of Rowan.**  
The schools in Rowan have been pro-  
gressing for the last half century, but  
still there is room yet for better school  
houses and better attendance. I know of  
one school that has about 80 pupils and  
the general average would not be more  
than about 35 a month. It is in a dilap-  
idated little building. Some districts  
have recently built very good school  
houses but in some districts there are  
school houses that a man could creep  
through, and very large cracks in the  
floor. With no material inside except a  
few old benches and one little old black  
board, large enough for two boys. Such  
a school house they will put a teacher in  
with about 50 or 60 scholars and expect  
him to do good work. Well, he has one  
of the hardest times any one ever saw.  
When he gets them about half-way  
straightened out, some large boys say  
he is going to do as he pleases, when the  
teacher tries to bring him under, he says  
he can't expect to be punished. He goes  
home and his father takes his part, and  
tells him to stay at home instead of send-  
ing him back to the school house. The  
next thing the teacher knows some of the  
near neighbors say it is one of the most  
absurd things they ever heard of to pun-  
ish a grown boy.  
I think that North Carolina should  
have a compulsory education law so that  
the next generation would on an average be  
better educated, and the trainers of the  
young would not have such a hard time.  
We need compulsory education, so that  
parents can not keep their children at  
home, and then we need teachers that  
would use the cow-bile on those stubborn  
boys. If this could be met I don't think  
the public money would be spent in vain.  
SCHOOL BOY.

**A Desperate Remedy.**  
Spartanburg, S. C., has added one  
more to the countless number of casual-  
ties that are daily occurring from finan-  
cial trouble.  
Col. James W. Edwards, a native of  
Greene county, N. C., but for many years  
a resident of Spartanburg, blew his brains  
out with a pistol, on the 24th of last  
month. He was in ill health and heard  
of the failure of the First National Bank  
of Raleigh, by which he lost fifteen or  
twenty thousand dollars. The loss so  
preyed upon his mind that while Mr.  
John Bryant, his nephew, who was sit-  
ting by his bedside, was dozing, he  
stepped from his bed, procured a pistol  
and put a desperate end to his earthly  
cares.  
I will hold an auction in my store  
every day of next week at 11 a. m. and 4  
p. m. to close out my stock.  
W. H. REISNER, Jeweler.  
**The Governor of North Carolina says:**  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Raleigh, February 18, 1902.  
JAMES H. WELLS, Sec'y.  
1405 N. Y. Ave., Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 5th I have  
used your Relief occasionally, and have  
always found relief from its use. I have  
had an opportunity to use it and would like to  
have done so, as I was so situated that I could  
only use it occasionally. At other times, how-  
ever, I have always had good results.  
Very truly yours,  
THOS. B. BOLT, Governor.

**MECKLENBURG NEWS.**  
**What is Going on Among the Decendants  
of the Signers of the Declara-  
tion of Independence.**  
The memorial tablet to Rev. Dr. Miller  
is being made at Johnson & Elliott's  
and will soon be completed.  
The two-year-old daughter of Mr. W.  
B. Newell, of Newell's station, died of  
croup on the 23d of last month.  
Mr. Irvin Rankin of Hartford, Conn.,  
son of Col. J. B. Rankin, of Charlotte, is  
visiting his relatives in Mecklenburg.  
A six-year old son of Mr. A. Keenan, of  
Clear Creek, was painfully burned several  
days since by his clothes catching fire.  
Machinery for the Gingham mills is  
coming in and that big enterprise will  
soon be adding to Charlotte's prosperity.  
Gov. Holt offers a reward of \$20 for  
the arrest of Wright, the man who mur-  
dered Daniel Smith in Richmond county.  
Mrs. Philip Fisher, aged 63, died in  
Morning Star township, on the night of  
the 21st. Mrs. Fisher was a member of  
the Lutheran church in that township.  
We noticed S. R. Harrison, a promi-  
nent citizen of Rowan, on our streets  
this week. We are always glad to have  
our neighbors come to see us.  
Four feet a day is the rate of progress  
now being made at the artesian well  
since the tools were removed from the  
well.  
Mr. Will Pharr, of Polk Alliance, who  
has been for some months in Florida, re-  
turned on the 24th in fine health and  
spirits.  
Miss Lida Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mr.  
J. W. Kirkpatrick, has returned from  
West College, to recover from a spell  
of sickness.  
There are now fifty inmates at the pool  
house. This is ten more than was cared  
for last winter. The health at the in-  
stitution is reported good.  
Mr. C. T. Brown, of Sharon, is in ill  
luck. Had a fine horse, which he had  
recently purchased, torn to pieces upon  
a wire fence, and all his cows have grip-  
pe.  
The cotton receipts for the week past,  
according to Cotton Inspector Waters'  
book, were 537 bales against 185 for the  
same week last year. Receipts yesterday  
103 bales.  
There are 230 students at the Biddell  
Institute—the largest number since the  
school was established. Fifteen of the  
number have been added since the first  
of January.  
Cotton receipts for Saturday in Char-  
lotte were 103 for the week 655. The  
receipts on January 1st were 8,000 short  
of last year. The shortage at present is  
6,313 pounds.  
Mr. J. T. Gibson, whose team ran away  
on College street last week, reports two  
of his horses seriously hurt, besides having  
to pay for a wagon demolished, and his  
own badly damaged.  
Mrs. Miss McMorris, whilst sitting be-  
fore the fire a few evenings since, fell  
with an apoplectic fit, and her clothing  
catching on fire she was badly burned  
before assistance came.  
On the night of the 23d, unknown par-  
ties stole bridles from the premises of Mr.  
Will McLaughlin, of Crab Orchard, and  
with the assistance of Mr. Joe Lee stole  
two mules and departed.  
The many friends of Mr. Tom Rankin  
will regret to hear that he is still quite  
sick. He has been confined to his home  
since the accident in which he was in-  
jured several weeks ago.  
A little seven year old daughter of the  
late Mr. Thos. H. Brown, of Hunters-  
ville, is at the point of death. Just two  
weeks ago the father and a daughter of  
this family died on the same day.  
The Wilmington Star says: "The  
movement to merge the 'Hercules Nest'  
Battalion of Charlotte into the naval bat-  
talion is watched with great interest by  
members of the State Guard here."  
The photographs of the deeds bearing  
upon establishing the date of the Meck-  
lenburg Declaration, taken by Baumgard-  
ner, are perfect. Every word can be as  
easily read as the original documents.  
There is serious sickness in the family  
of Mr. Will Erwin, son-in-law of Esquire  
S. H. Hilton. Mrs. Erwin is just recover-  
ing from an attack of grip, and her  
two children are very seriously sick with  
pneumonia.  
The Raleigh correspondent of the Char-  
lotte Chronicle thinks the democratic con-  
vention should not be held farther west  
than Raleigh on account of hard times in  
the east. There is a little touch of hard  
times in western Carolina as well.  
Dr. Neel, of Steel Creek, has found a  
spring of very fine mineral water on his  
place. It has been tested with satisfac-  
tory results, and some Charlotte people  
are already arranging to spend a portion  
of the summer with Dr. Neel.  
A fire occurred at Rock Hill some days  
since, destroying a warehouse with cot-  
ton for W. L. Ruddy and twenty-eight  
vehicles for Neely & Fewell, inventory  
loss about \$5,000, mostly covered by in-  
surance.  
J. D. McNulty, of Cabarrus county,  
N. C., is the inventor of a gin that, it is  
claimed, will do twice the work of the  
most improved gin. The saws are cre-  
ated shaped, and dress themselves with  
each revolution they make. The feeder  
is entirely different from anything yet  
given the world. Instead of feeding from  
the top, the cotton reaches the saws from  
the bottom, and all sand, nails, matches  
or other foreign matters are excluded  
and fall with the seed instead of over the  
saw with the great danger of fire, that  
nearly attends the old-fashioned gin.

Mr. E. G. Rogerson and Miss Annie E.  
Davis were married at the residence of  
the bride's brother, Mr. E. S. Davis, on  
South College street. The ceremony  
took place on the 24th of last month and  
was performed by Rev. Dr. Cheshire, of  
the Episcopal church.  
Listen to the Charlotte Compress  
whistle-to-day. It will herald forth at  
12 o'clock that 100,000 bales have been  
pressed up to date. The hundred-thous-  
and limit was reached earlier this season  
than last. There will be big times at the  
"big" press to-day.—Chronicle.  
Another pleasant matrimonial event  
was the wedding of Mr. A. H. Crowell  
and Miss Kate King, which took place  
at Mr. Will Murray's on North College  
street. The ceremony was performed by  
Rev. Dr. McLeanway. Mr. and Mrs.  
Crowell left for a bridal tour of several  
weeks.  
Mr. Call gave notice that he would ad-  
dress the senate of the United States  
upon the interference of railroads and  
foreign bond holders in elections in Flor-  
ida. When the roads are owned by the  
government, and managed by an elected  
commissioner we will see less of corporate  
corruption.  
Mr. William D. Kyle, formerly of the  
firm of Kyle & Hammond, of this city,  
died at his home in Richmond, Va., on  
February 21. Mr. Kyle is well remem-  
bered in Charlotte, where he had many  
friends. He was in the hardware busi-  
ness here for a long time, but left here  
about 12 years ago for Richmond.  
Paw Creek farmers say there will be  
more potatoes—both sweet and Irish—  
planted in their section this year than  
ever known before. It is a sure crop  
and requires less labor than almost any  
thing else. If there isn't a sale for all the  
production, it will be used as feed for the  
stock.  
Death has laid a heavy hand upon the  
family of Mr. Thos. H. Brown, of Hunters-  
ville. Mr. Brown was the first member  
of the family to go following him in a  
week's time was a 3 year old daughter,  
and yesterday the oldest daughter, a  
child of 11 years, died. The three deaths  
occurred in less than a month.  
Rock Hill is talking about a new cot-  
ton factory. It has three cotton fac-  
tories, a buggy and carriage factory, and  
a construction company for general wood-  
work. The Globe Cotton Mill is building  
more tenement houses to accommodate  
the additional force necessary to run the  
machinery at night. Looks like there is  
no overproduction of yarns.  
If history repeats itself, then there is  
no need of a mayor's court room in the  
new city hall building, so rare are may-  
or's courts these days. Varly Charlotte  
is peaceful, peaceable and law-abiding,  
so much for the courage of our commis-  
sioners who had the "courage to do  
right," despite denunciation and abuse  
from the friends of the saloon.  
As the R. & D. freight train pulled in  
on the night of the 23d, a dilapidated  
specimen of humanity extricated himself  
from beneath a car and asked for a lunch  
stand. He had left Atlanta with ten  
cents, and proposed regaling himself to  
the extent of his money. He said that  
he had traveled from Nova Scotia to  
Mexico in like manner.  
On Wednesday 24 ult. Mrs. Robert  
Lemmonds and her four-year-old daugh-  
ter were badly burned at their home on  
Dr. Orr's farm two miles from the city.  
Mr. Lemmonds was preparing his gar-  
den for planting, and had piled some old  
palings up and set fire to them. The lit-  
tle child was playing around the fire and  
her clothes caught. She ran toward the  
house screaming. The mother, in her  
attempts to extinguish the fire in the  
child's clothing, had her own clothes  
nearly burned from her body, and her  
skin was burned to a crisp in some places.  
God has in his mysterious providence  
visited with sorrow another of our  
homes. Mr. Eddie Wolf, the son of S.  
W. Wolf, of Charlotte town ship, was  
well and buoyant with young manhood's  
hopes and aspirations on Saturday. On  
Tuesday morning he was standing in the  
presence of the King of Kings. Eddie  
was one of our best and most prom-  
ising young men and his death is  
the common loss of the community.  
Whilst feeling that all is well with him,  
our hearts bleed for the inmates of a  
home that has sustained so terrible a be-  
reavement.  
**Anti-Tillman.**  
A call has been made by General  
Hampton and others of the anti-Tillman  
faction in South Carolina, for a conven-  
tion of Democrats in Columbia on the  
fourth Thursday in March to fix up a  
state ticket to be offered to the regular  
democratic convention. They arraign  
Mr. Tillman as an agitator whose ad-  
ministration has failed to fulfill prom-  
ises of reform made during the campaign.  
What Mr. Hampton's committee say is  
doubtless true, but Mr. Tillman is on top  
for one more term. He has made hay  
during the sunshine of his administra-  
tion. He is just enough Alliance to  
aid the Alliance vote, and sufficiently  
conservative to make the opposition fear  
they might go further and fare worse.  
Senator Ivey, Mr. Hampton's Alliance  
successor in the senate, says the negro is  
"not in it" in South Carolina. Since the  
"carpet-bagger" has been eliminated from  
politics there is more money for the col-  
ored brother in preaching than politics.  
Then the white people are educating  
their children, and hence they find it  
pays to let the white "burial" run the  
politics.  
**Charlotte's Sad Bereavement.**  
Two of Charlotte's very best men,  
that had been in the city for some time,  
were taken within a few hours.  
Mr. Wm. B. Nesbit died on Saturday

at 8 p. m., after a lingering illness, and  
Mr. Latta C. Johnson at 9 p. m. Monday.  
The fell destroyer did his work quickly  
in Mr. Nesbit's case. Only a few days before  
he was on the street, full of life and hope.  
He was attacked with grip the first of  
last week, which quickly developed into  
pneumonia that ended fatal on Monday  
morning. The city could not have lost  
two better men. Both were consistent  
members of the Presbyterian church, of  
high moral character and spotless integ-  
rity. All who knew them will feel their  
loss to be the common loss to church,  
city and county.  
**The Rainbow Fair.**  
The entertainment given to the Char-  
lotte public by the Thompson Orphanage  
Guild of the Episcopal church for the  
benefit of the orphans was eminently  
successful. The doors were opened at  
noon Friday, and the armory hall was  
thronged until a late hour at night. The  
colors of the rainbow were reflected from  
an arch over the hall and from a dozen  
booths and tables on the sides of the  
room. The tables were loaded with  
delicacies to suit the taste of the most  
fastidious epicure, and that would make  
a sick man eat. Bright flowers of the  
vegetable and human kingdoms added  
fragrance and beauty to the scene. The  
doll show was the great attraction to  
the little ones and doubtless inspired  
many pleasant dreams. The receipts  
totalled \$315.15. The Diworth band  
furnished music for the occasion.  
**Court.**  
The mandamus case of Rosseller vs.  
commissioners was called Monday.  
The morning hour was consumed dis-  
cussing the question of jurisdiction.  
Mr. George E. Wilson argued that if the  
court granted mandamus compelling the  
commissioners to grant license, it would  
be the court granting license, which  
power was conferred by the law upon the  
commissioners only. Mr. Bason said  
the court could only grant mandamus  
compelling commissioners to act upon an  
application for license, which defendants  
had done. Col. Jones said it was not a  
question of jurisdiction, which could  
only arise between two courts. The  
question for the court to decide was  
whether the commissioners had the right  
under the law to grant or not grant  
license at discretion, and whether they  
had exercised the discretion properly.  
Judge Bynum said the question for the  
court was whether—when the applica-  
tion had proven a good character, a  
suitable place and a public demand—the  
commissioners had any further discre-  
tion. Mr. Burwell argued that the duty  
of the court was first to try the facts  
in the case then consider the law  
bearing upon it. At 12:20 the judge  
decided to hear the case, instructed  
the attorneys to make up their issues,  
and adjourned for dinner. The after-  
noon was consumed almost entirely in  
selecting a jury. The regular jury was  
exhausted and a number of townsmen  
summoned before a jury was secured.  
The first witness, Mr. Dals, was put  
on the stand late Monday evening and  
was again introduced Tuesday morning.  
Dr. McAden was next put on the stand  
by prosecution to show that Rosseller  
had acted fairly in setting up his busi-  
ness. He had used no fraud in making  
a mortgage to his partner Meyer, but  
had done so to protect creditors of the  
firm of Meyer & Rosseller. Mr. Rossel-  
ler's conduct throughout had been upon  
the line of honor. Dr. McAden's testi-  
mony was a strong vindication of Mr.  
Rosseller's character. After Dr. Mc-  
Aden, Mr. Gilmer Brenizer, who had  
been connected with Mr. Rosseller in  
business, was introduced and testified to  
his good character. The examination of  
Mr. Rosseller next followed and con-  
sumed most of the morning. His cele-  
brated schedule of prices—25 cents for  
beer, 50 cents for whiskey and 75 cents  
for brandy—was put in evidence by the  
prosecution, and his card in the News of  
September 13 by the defence. After Mr.  
Rosseller, numerous persons were put on  
the stand and testified to his good char-  
acter, all of whom testified to the same  
time to the good character of Commissioners  
Vail, Kirkpatrick and Hilton.  
Court adjourned before examination  
of Hilton was completed.  
On Wednesday morning the cross ex-  
amination of Mr. Hilton was resumed.  
Col. Jones asked Hilton if he had not  
promised Mr. Eife that he would never  
again vote for license? If he did not  
tell John Walsworth, George Brocken-  
brough and others that he would vote for  
license, Mr. Hilton replied that he had,  
but meant to do nothing in violation of  
law. He asserted that he believed the  
testimony justified him in voting against  
giving license to Mr. Rosseller. Col.  
Jones read Hilton's reply to Rosseller's  
card of Sept. 29th, which Mr. Hilton  
stated he had submitted to three brother  
Arch Masons before publishing.  
After Mr. Hilton, Mr. George Brocken-  
brough was put on the stand and testi-  
fied that Mr. Hilton did say he would  
have his arm cut off rather than grant  
it once.  
Mr. Wads worth being called, testified  
that Hilton said to him that he had  
made up his mind not to vote for license.  
He asked Mr. Hilton if he would not  
vote for him (Wads worth) and he re-  
plied he would not, that he had too  
much respect for his family. Further  
stated that he had asked Rosseller to  
withdraw his application.  
Dr. McAden was next put on the  
stand and testified that Commissioners  
Vail had told him his vote against Ros-  
seller was not meant as a reproach upon  
his moral character.  
Mr. Wm. Maxwell being sworn, testi-  
fied that Rosseller told him he was going  
to get money from Mongolins, and that  
he had assured that he would get it  
easily.  
Elisha Huntly, a negro, being called  
stated that he was in the employ of Ros-  
seller when Hilton called on him and  
heard Hilton tell Rosseller that 25 cents  
a drink was not high enough.  
Mr. Robert McDonald testified that he  
met Mr. Hilton during the trial of the  
Rosseller application and Mr. Hilton said  
that up to that time there was nothing  
against Mr. Rosseller's character. That  
Mr. Hilton had told him that if an appli-  
cant met requirements of law he would  
vote for him.  
Montrose testified, said he sold fish in  
front of Rosseller's store and saw Hilton  
enter the store, and Huntly, the negro,  
was there and said to him that he thought  
Captain would get his license as Mr.  
Hilton and he were at the desk writing,  
and that Mongolins was at the stove just  
after Hilton left.  
Mr. Jo. Orr next testified; said he at-  
tended the Fife meeting, that Hilton  
went up to the stand and Fife said, here  
is a county commissioner who has hereto-  
fore voted for license, and he says he  
will not vote for it again.  
L. M. Presson next testified that he  
was at the meeting when Fife asked per-  
sons to promise to vote against license  
but did not see Hilton.  
Buchanan testified; said he was with  
Hilton when Rosseller came up and that  
Hilton offered his hand which Rosseller  
refused, saying he had published a lie on  
him and he would shake hands with no  
such rascal. Mr. Hilton proposed to  
leave the settlement of their dispute to  
his brother Masons, which Rosseller de-  
clined to do.  
W. R. Cochran stated that he was  
present at the meeting of commissioners  
and heard Mr. Kirkpatrick say any man  
who would sell liquor could not have a  
good moral character.  
D. G. Maxwell testified that he heard  
Mr. Hilton tell McCorkle as a friend he  
had better make his arrangements to go  
out of business as he would not get li-  
cense.  
Mr. Hilton was again put on the stand  
for a short time and court adjourned for  
dinner.  
Afternoon attorneys began to address  
the court on the legal aspects of the  
case.  
Mr. Walker spoke first and argued  
that a man's character before a court  
cannot be estimated by one, two or a  
half dozen acts, but by the effect the  
aggregate of his acts—that is his daily life—  
has made upon the community in which  
he has lived. He quoted authorities to  
prove his position. Said Rosseller had  
proven a good character by the best men  
of the community. He argued from that  
principle of law that individual acts of  
the plaintiff was not admissible as evi-  
dence before the commissioners.  
Judge Bynum said the commissioners  
could not be confined to the rules to  
prove a man's character before a court  
they were to be governed by the evi-  
dence as it impressed each individual  
mind.  
Col. Jones argued that the only rule  
for proving character—viz: general rep-  
utation—should prevail with commission-  
ers as all other courts.  
Mr. Burwell spoke at some length upon  
the question of what constitutes a good  
moral character and the legal way of as-  
certaining it.  
The evening was consumed by counsel  
for plaintiff in discussing points of law  
bearing upon the case.  
Attorneys for prosecution are Messrs.  
H. C. Jones, Frank Osborne, Burwell  
& Walker; for the defence, Wilson, Can-  
sler and Mason.

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