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CITY AND COUNTY.

All the Best News in Rowan and Vicinity.

L. E. TAGGART, - - Local Editor.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1892.

Democratic County Convention.

The democrats of Rowan county are requested to meet in their several precincts on Saturday, the 7th day of May, to select delegates to the county convention, which is called to meet at the court house in Salisbury, on the Saturday following, May 14th, at 12 o'clock, to select delegates to the State convention, which meets in Raleigh, on Wednesday, May 18th.

A. H. BOYDEN,
Chm. Dem. Co. Ex Com.

Early vegetables are on the market.

Mrs. John A. Murphy has secured a dressmaker and milliner for her store, from Bakim ore.

There is a very interesting story on the first page of this paper, touching on the Boston bridge wreck.

Quite a number of our people ate in Concord to-day to witness the unveiling of the Confederate monument.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Cuthrell returned last night from a wedding tour of a week's duration in northern cities.

H. C. Williams went up to Asheville Tuesday. He informs us that he will probably engage in business there soon.

A very large number of strangers are in town. Most of them came to attend the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum.

The Concord *Daily Standard* celebrated its second birthday on Monday. It is a bustling daily, and although little it is bad.

A number of new styles of straw hats are seen on the streets, but the most popular and prevailing style is the last summer hat.

The primaries will held at the various voting precincts on Saturday. All who are interested in the success of their county should turn out.

A Mr. Montgomery will open up the old National Hotel soon. While not at work will be to serve, this will give us an up-to-an hotel.

Messrs. J. C. Keeler and Lewis D. Foster, both of Rowan county left this morning for Richmond to enter the Sadler-Bibbins College.

A beautiful silver wedding was celebrated at Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bingham's on Tuesday night, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

The work of painting the front of the old National Hotel building began Monday morning. After painting it will be repaired. Let more of the same.

Has your subscription expired? If so, you should send in your dollar and a half at once. Do not let a day pass by, which will certainly follow if no remittance is received.

Street hands went to work on Fulton street a few days ago. The street near Dr. Whitehead's residence has been in a disgraceful condition, but it is now being macadamized.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon on the evening of May 11th, visible in the eastern portion of the United States. The moon will rise in eclipse and remain so till 7:39.

The warm days during the past week have greatly increased the demand for cool drinks. It is nearly time for us to hear the familiar cry of "ten cents-to-day and fifteen to-morrow?"

The farmers are behind with some of their crops. They have been taking advantage of the favorable weather the past week; hence the dullness of trade and the small crowds in town.

Charles Traylor has moved his saloon from the old stand on Main street, and the room is being fitted up for Reisner & Gorman, who will open up their jewelry store the latter part of the month.

One can stand at the fountain and see twenty-five or fifteen awnings. Some of them are so low that a very tall man can hardly walk under them. Do not let the trail on the sidewalk, merchants.

A large tobacco warehouse in Mocksville has been extensively advertised in some of our neighboring contemporaries. A gentleman from that section told us Tuesday that no such warehouse existed.

The boys are taking advantage of the pleasant weather and the even and solid condition of the macadam, and a number of them can be seen nearly any night riding up and down the street on their bicycles.

The Methodists have decided to have their Sunday school picnic some time this month. The exact day has not been set. They are wise in having it early, before the oppressively hot weather comes on.

The well near the postoffice was cleaned out last Friday and the fixtures placed over it. Now the merchants in the neighborhood are relieved of their pain, which they so long and so justly complained.

During April sixteen marriage licenses were issued by Register Woodson. Twelve of these were for whites and four for negroes. During the same month month last year only thirteen licenses were issued.

Mr. S. J. Swicegood, sexton, informs us that during the month of April not one death occurred among the white population of Salisbury. This is a significant fact and speaks well for the healthfulness of our city.

Now that double daily trains on the Western is an assured fact our people should make an effort to have a postal car and clerks furnished. If the mail service is secured the trains will not be suspended next winter.

On Monday a Mr. Stephens, of Thomasville, Ga., hired a horse and buggy of a livery stable here and drove to Concord. About four miles on the other side of that place the horse took fright and ran away. Mr. Stephens was thrown out and slightly hurt, and the buggy was wrecked.

Professor Neave's music pupils gave another of their soirees last Saturday. We have not space to give an extended report, but will say it was up to the average, which is high. Each pupil did his or her part well, performing as composedly as if not gazed at by a multitude of eager eyes.

The Concord *Standard* says: "The roads of Rowan are fearful. We have never seen a worse road than that leading from Salisbury out by the county home." We know the highways of this county are not what they ought to be, but Bro. Cook should remember that the road to the poor house is also a rugged one.

Some villain shot a bullet through the incoming passenger train on the Western road, as it was passing over Bostian's bridge, last night. The bullet passed between two men who were conversing in the passenger coach, but fortunately hit no one. There is no clue to the perpetrator. Here is work for a detective.

Commencing Monday next the mail route between Salisbury and Mooresville will be increased from tri-weekly to daily except Sunday. Along this route are Watsonville, Iredell, Mill Bridge, Miranda, Harts, Gass and Mooresville. This change will double the mails along the line, and will be greatly appreciated by the people.

The Richmond & Danville Railroad company will sell round trip tickets to Raleigh, to persons attending the Democratic State convention, at reduced rates. Tickets on sale May 16, 17, 18th, good returning till the 21st. Reduced rates will also be given to parties attending the North Carolina Medical society, at Wilmington, May 19.

The merchants of Charlotte will soon begin closing early every evening. Our merchants should do the same thing. After a long summer day's work the clerks are nearly exhausted, and should be allowed to rest, go to see their girls or spend the evenings as they see fit. It has been tried in Salisbury and we know of no objections to it.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, the celebrated divine of New York, passed through Salisbury on the southbound vestibule train Tuesday morning. He came out and bought a morning paper of a newsboy and gave our people a chance to see him. He is a tall, clean shaved man with a very intellectual face. He will probably weigh less than 140 pounds.

A general revision of the schedule of the Richmond & Danville railroad system will take effect on the 15th inst. The night trains on the Western road will be renewed, and the night trains from the south will arrive about two hours earlier. Double daily trains will also be put on the A. T. & O., between Charlotte and Statesville. Other improvements will be made.

A business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held at the hall last Thursday night. The general secretary explained fully the committee system and the duties of the various committees. After the meeting a reception was given the young men. The Ladies Auxiliary served ice cream and cake. All seemed to have a pleasant evening. The ladies deserve much praise for their untiring work for the association.

Court convenes here Monday, with Judge J. D. McIver on the bench. There are not as many cases to be tried as at the last court, but the docket is a heavier one, owing to the grave nature of some of the cases. Two days ago there were twenty-three prisoners in jail. Of these one is charged with murder, eight with stealing and eight with more trifling crimes. Six are convicts of previous courts.

The concert by the pupils of the graded school will be given in Meroney's Hall to-morrow night. They have been rehearsing for some time. Pretty girls can be seen on the streets any day going to or coming from school with tambourines in hand. This concert promises to be a very enjoyable one, and all who can should attend. The proceeds will go towards making a school display for North Carolina at the World's Fair. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

The city aldermen made a wise move at its session last Friday night when it resolved that hereafter all work done on the streets and sidewalks should be substantial. There will be no more throwing up dirt to be washed down by the next heavy rain. In future if they can do only a little at a time, it will be done well in the style of the macadam. "Why," said one of the aldermen, "if that plan had been adopted twenty years ago, we would now have macadamized streets." Amen.

Searching Old Records.

Prof. Alex Graham, of Charlotte, spent last Saturday in the office of the clerk of Rowan Superior Court, looking at old records. His object was to verify dates and facts to more firmly establish the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. He found that at a court held here on June 1st, 1775, four witnesses from Mecklenburg county failed to appear. The names of three of these men were upon the Mecklenburg declaration, and it is probable that the meeting detained them from appearing at court here.

Aldermen in Session.

The monthly meeting of the city aldermen was held at the mayor's office last Friday night. The following business was transacted:

License was granted to all the saloon keepers to retail liquor at the same stands, except Charles Traylor, who has moved to corner Lee and Council streets.

J. W. Mauney tendered his resignation as alderman, and P. H. Thompson was elected to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Mauney resigned on account of his ill health.

Kerr Craige was elected city attorney, vice J. W. Mauney, resigned.

Benjamin Ketchey was elected sanitary policeman, to fill the place of Moses Fultz, deceased.

Committees were appointed to settle with all the city officials.

It was decided by the board that hereafter nothing but permanent work should be done on the streets.

The Grand Council and Banquet.

The Grand Council for North Carolina of the Royal Arcanum met in the lodge rooms in this place at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. About thirty-five delegates from various parts of the State were in attendance. The session was spent in work pertaining to the order.

Meroney's Hall was packed to its utmost capacity at 8 o'clock last night by Arcanum men and their invited guests, who had assembled to hear speeches on the order. Rev. N. S. Jones delivered the address of welcome, and was responded to by H. B. Adams, from Monroe. Theo. F. Kluttz made a short talk and introduced Rev. Dr. Peschau, of Wilmington, who delivered an address on the merits of the order and the benefits to be derived from its.

After the speaking the crowd formed a procession and marched to the Boyden House where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The dining room was soon filled. There were three tables nearly as long as the large room, filled with sandwiches, cakes, apples, oranges and bananas, lemonade an ice cream. After the first crowd were satisfied the tables were cleaned off and reset. There were nearly as many at the second table as at the first. Fully five hundred feasted there last night.

It was one of the best attended and most enjoyable event of the season. If you want to get up a crowd in Salisbury, offer refreshments. The man who did not fill his pockets with fruit on leaving the hotel cheated himself.

Professor Neave's music pupils added to the pleasure of the occasion by the rendition of choice instrumental music.

Meeting of County Commissioners.

The Board of county commissioners met at the court house last Monday. The full membership was present.

It was ordered that the justices of the peace of Rowan county be notified to meet with the commissioners in Salisbury on the first Monday in June for the purpose of levying county, school and other taxes for the year 1892, to elect a board of commissioners for the county, to elect a superintendent of public instruction and to transact any other business that may come before them.

Sheriff Monroe appeared before the board and signified his readiness to settle the State, county, school and other taxes for 1891. The sheriff was ordered to appear before the finance committee on Monday, the 23d inst., and make such settlement.

Clerk Watson reported that he had collected a corporation tax of $25 from the Rogers' Clothing Company. Also $7 from other sources.

Four men were exempted from the payment of poll tax for various lengths of time.

J. F. Robinson was ordered to build a bridge across Deal's creek on the new Mocksville road. He was also ordered to build a bridge across the west prong of Grant's creek, near Sloan's mill.

J. M. Monroe reported that he had collected $41,300 of the taxes for the year 1891.

The usual number of allowances were made to outdoor poor people. Also a number of accounts were ordered paid.

A. M. Brown, keeper of the poor, reported the average number of inmates at the county home for April at seventeen, eight white and nine colored.

Dr. Summerell, as superintendent of health reported the condition of the jail and poor house to be good.

Some other business of minor importance was transacted.

Married.

Mr. A. E. Stephens, of Thomasville, Ga., and Miss Lizzie Johnston, daughter of Mr. Alfred L. Johnston, of this place, were married at the Methodist church, at 8:30 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Leith, officiating. A large concourse of the bride's friends attended.

A gentlemen from Davie county brought some tobacco to Salisbury market and said he was perfectly satisfied with the price, and that he had never sold at a market where he could do better. "Good tobacco," says he, "brings a high price."

Religious Notes.

Last Saturday Rev. N. S. Jones received fifty new hymn books for use in the Baptist church.

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The North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran church met at St. Paul's, five miles from Salisbury, last Friday. A large number of ministers and delegates and a vast throng of visitors have been in attendance. The Synod adjourned Tuesday evening after a five days session. It is estimated that about two thousand people were there Sunday. People from Salisbury, Concord, Mt. Pleasant and for miles around came in great crowds. Two sermons were delivered in the morning and two in the afternoon. Of course at each time one sermon had to be delivered in the open air.

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Rev. C. W. Byrd, of Asheville, will preach in the Methodist church here Sunday night. Mr. Byrd is very popular here, and the Methodist church will doubtless be packed.

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The Western North Carolina Sunday School conference convened at the Methodist church in this place this morning. It will probably hold four days.

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At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night it was decided that all who had contributed as much as $2 to the association a membership ticket would be issued, upon application, free of charge, provided it is approved by the membership committee. This is done in order to take in all who have made contributions but do not feel able to pay more.

The committeemen's rally will be held at the hall to-night. All committeemen are requested to attend.

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A party of Catholics returned last night from Belmont, eleven miles below Charlotte, where they had gone to witness the laying of a corner stone of the new church at that place. The stone was laid by the Bishop, in the presence of a large concourse from various parts of the State.

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Rev. Mr. Hilliard, of Thomasville, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

We Would Like to Know.

If the merchants of Salisbury will let their clerks off at half past seven these hot summer days.

If mail service will be secured on the night trains on the Western.

Died.

Miss Laura Sumner, sister of the late Thos. J. Sumner, died at her home near Salisbury, Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness of several months. The remains were interred at St. Mary's yesterday evening at 5 o'clock, in the presence of many of her friends.

MECKLENBURG NEWS.

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

Mrs. D. S. Edington, of Clear Creek, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

A sixteen pound carp was caught in Mr. Rhyne's trap at Mt. Holly last Thursday.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Brown, Weddington & Co., hardware dealers, of Charlotte. Give them a call.

Governor Holt offers a reward of $150 each for the arrest of El Whitley and John Little the supposed murderers of policeman Moran.

Bradstreet estimates the reduction of the cotton acreage at 20 to 25 per cent. If correct we may hope to get cost for our cotton next fall.

Miss Ada Potts' school at Pineville closed its session for the summer on the 18th of last month. In honor of the event a big picnic was given by the school.

The leading merchants of Charlotte have entered into an agreement to close their stores at 6 o'clock in the evening. The arrangement went into effect on Monday, the 24.

Mr. Calvin Cathey, of Steel Creek, sustained a painful accident last week. His horse fell with him, his leg being caught and hurt very badly. He has not been able to walk since.

A horse thief visited Matthews last Saturday night and stole a horse from the stable of Mr. J. M. McLeod. The horse is a dark claybank, tall and slender, and one of his hind feet is white.

The report of the chief of police for last month shows 19 arrests to have been made six, of which were for drunks, one affray, one shooting in the city, one profanity and one disorderly. Total fines $40.

Mack Morris, a negro living on the farm of Mr. E. H. Hinson, was found dead on the road-side one day last week. He was returning from a still house, and the supposition is that whiskey was the cause of his death.

Governor Holt has appointed J. Marion Knox and C. W. Bradford justices of the peace for Huntersville township, in the place of J. C. Bell and J. W. Moore who were elected by the Legislature of 1889, but failed to qualify.

The municipal election came off at Huntersville, Monday 2d, with the following results: J. L. Choat, mayor; Rev. W. M. Hunter, J. W. Mullin, T. M. McConnell and C. F. Alexander, commissioners. The town has purchased a hook and ladder truck and will organize a fire company as soon as the new board get on their harness.

Dr. Moses Taylor, who was for a long time a resident of Charlotte and who was well known in the county, died in Tennessee on the 28th of April, in the 75th year of his age. He was related to several prominent families in the county and city.

Capt. R. P. Waring has been invited to address the voters of Paw Creek, on Thursday, the 5th. While Capt. Waring is a good Democrat, he is also in hearty accord with the reform movement, and is a better alliancemen than many inside of the order.

Mrs. Tirza Parks, of Rocky River, died on Monday 25th of April. She was the mother of Mr. John Parks, of Statesville, and Mr. H. B. Parks and Mrs. J. M. W. Alexander, of Rocky River. She died at Capt. Alexander's and was buried at Rocky River church the next day.

The early closing scheme went into effect last Monday. The following merchants have attached their names to the list: T. L. Seigle & Co., H. Baruch & Bro., T. L. Alexander, Son & Co., Racket Store, W. Kaufman & Co., M. P. Pegram, Jr. Parr & Long, Rogers & Co. The time for closing will be 7 o'clock.

Mr. Henry C. Little, son of Mr. W. P. Little and guard at the stockade, met with a painful accident a few days ago. He was handling his gun, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball passing through his big toe. Later in the day it was found necessary to amputate the toe. Mr. Little is doing very well at present.

Evangelist Orr met with the success at Sharon that accompanies his efforts on all occasions. Mr. Orr's evangelism if of the right stamp. He is paid a salary by his church, and his collections go to the support of the institutions of the church. Such being the case, it can not be said that his zeal is kept alive by the contributions when the basket is handed around.

Mr. Eugene Morrison, a bookkeeper in Brown & Weddington's hardware store, fell from his seat to the floor, last Thursday, where he was found by Mr. Brown a little later in an unconscious state. Medical aid was summoned and on the next day he was able to accompany his father to his home in Statesville. We are informed that he is mending and will soon be at his post again.

There will be a general change of schedule on the Richmond & Danville road about the 15th of the month. The evening train from the south will arrive here about 6:30. Double daily service will be inaugurated on the Western North Carolina road, and in view of this a train will leave here about 11 a. m. on the A., T. & O. to make connection with the train at Statesville.

Work on the city hall building has again been delayed by trouble in getting the stone. A party having a claim against the company furnishing it, filed an injunction against the stone after it was on the car ready for shipment. Work on the interior of the building is going right along, and Capt. Ahrens says he will have the hall to be used for the coronation ball entirely completed before the 23d.

The railroads will all give low rates to the 24th of May celebration and large crowds may be expected. That occasion promises to be the grandest that has ever marked the day upon which the grand old patriots of '75 declared for human freedom and against human tyranny. A grand tournament, a parade displaying the industries of Charlotte, balloon ascensions, shooting and baseball matches with many other attractions will reward visitors for time and cost of coming.

The butter and cheese factory is an assured fact. A sufficient amount of stock was subscribed last week to pay for the plant, and all by farmers. A meeting of stockholders was held at the WATCHMAN office on Saturday, and a committee appointed to select a situation for the factory. Owing to the fact that hog raising will be an important branch of the industry it becomes necessary to locate beyond the city limits. The company desires to issue a few more shares of stock to provide for contingent expenses, and any person desiring to take stock will have an opportunity to do so by applying to W. G. Steele, at the WATCHMAN office.

A meeting of the stockholders will be held at WATCHMAN office, No. 15 South College street, on Saturday, May 14th, and all persons who have taken shares are asked to attend, as a permanent organization of the company will be effected on that day. The factory will be located on the property of Capt. T. L. Vail, one-half mile east of Charlotte.

On the night of the 26th, one of Mecklenburg's old land marks was removed by the death of Mr. Nathaniel Alexander. Mr. A. was one of our oldest and best men. He was a descendant of Ezekiel Alexander, brother to the famous John McKnit Alexander, who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration. Mr. "Nattie," as the deceased was usually called, was a worthy son of a noble lineage. If any man ever walked entirely blameless before his fellow men, he did. He demonstrated the possibility of a man passing through the world without making enemies. With kindness to all men and enmity towards none, he lived at peace with his fellow creatures, and what is infinitely better, at peace with his God. Having lived and died a consistant member of the Presbyterian church, his loved ones may cherish the blessed hope of a reunion in a home where partings and sorrows are not known.

Mr. EDITOR:—The reform movement has struck the farmers all along the line. They have gone into it in good faith and with all the zeal they possess, and whilst they have demanded of the government nothing but what is right, nothing but what we need and nothing but what (God being our helper) we will have, yet we have learned that we need reform at home on our farms and they have gone into that reform with the same zeal. There is more work being done, more corn being planted and less guano being used in this county than has been in twenty years at this season of the year and the farmers are almost all going to plant a diversified crop. The majority of them are going to plant more corn, cane and vegetables and less cotton. A good farmer told me to-day that he was preparing to move his meat house corn crib and molasses barrel from the city to where his wife and children lived and when he got that done he would have a sub-treasury of his own. Now to all this I can and do say with all my heart, "so mote it be."

But, Mr. Editor, there is an evil that is doing more to curse our land both morally and financially than any other evil in it, a trust that is doing more in running this government than all the other trusts combined and yet not one word is said about it in our reform platforms, and that is the whiskey law. Aside from bearing a curse to thousands of poor unfortunate ones throughout our land and even to our law makers in the Congress halls, (for it is an undeniable fact that in both our Congress halls there is a bar where our law makers, and even some of our own State, are often seen leaning over the counter sipping the sparkling cream when they should be in their seats attending to the duties for which they are sent,) but I say aside from this it is one of the strongest political machines that run our government. It is a lamentable fact that neither of the two existing parties have ever attempted to abolish the revenue in any way interfere with the whiskey rings of our land for fear of their power, and I know its power is great, but we of the Alliance have grappled the ball by the horns and it is death to let go now. We are bound to fight to a finish and believing in the overruling providence of a just God, I believe we will come off victorious, but is it wisdom whilst we are conquering a part of the enemy to leave the most deadly part alone in our land, and not only leaving him unharmed but even nursing and throwing the strong arm of the law around it to make it honorable? This is a curse to shrive on any nation, and a just God will not bless us whilst we foster such an enemy to run among us. Did he not say to the children of Israel, "Drive out all the inhabitants of the land of Canaan lest are mine enemies," and because some of them were fierce and warlike did not the people of God make an alliance with them and spare them, and what was the result?

But taking it from a political standpoint I think it would be the part of wisdom for the National Alliance when they meet at Omaha to adopt a safe, sound and equitable prohibition plank in their platform, for with the exception of that there is no material difference between the prohibition platform and the People's party platform and both have already signified a willingness to make it a prohibition platform. But if it is not done that party which now numbers near one million voters will vote and act as a separate party and then we have good men also in our ranks who are opposed to some of our demands and they will not stand as a unit with us and comparatively few of the old parties outside of the Alliance will act in harmony with us, therefore our hope of success is diminished, for we know that in "union is strength."

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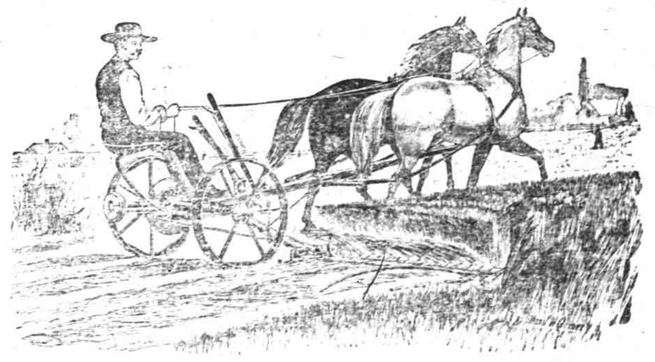

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