

Carolina Watchman.

CITY AND COUNTY.

All the Best News in Rowan and Vicinity.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1892.

Do you belong to Gideon's band?

Our sister town Albemarle, is figuring on a new cotton factory.

The frame is up for the new beer bottling establishment on Lee street.

The Lutherans are picnicking at Zeb, Rowan county, to-day. A large crowd went out.

The next fair will be held October 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Remember the dates, and in the meanwhile prepare to take a premium.

Messrs R. L. Cornelison, Gus Bingham and Price and others have returned home from school.

The county mass convention of the People's party will be held in the court house Saturday.

The whistle at the ice factory blows at midnight. Why disturb the neighborhood at that hour?

The matter of closing the stores early in the evening during the summer season has fallen through.

The lawn party at Mrs. J. P. Roueche's last Friday night was a success notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The Yackin and other rivers in this section of the State are greatly swelled on account of the excessive rains.

Edith, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clark died this morning, age four months. Funeral to-morrow afternoon.

The farmers have commenced harvesting their wheat and oats. The crops are very good but rain has prevented much work.

The front of the store of Marsh & Krieger, property of John A. Hédrick, is being rubbed down and will be repenciled. Let the good work go on.

The telegraph company is furnishing bulletins of the Minneapolis convention at all points. The bulletin board here is in front of Quinn's feed store.

Dr. Hall's lecture, which was set for Wednesday night, has been postponed till Monday night. He will also deliver a discourse in the Baptist church Sunday night.

The old shed on Council street, near Main, was torn down a few days ago. It has since been discovered that it hid a cache of more hideous. Now, take away the sores.

The railway commission deserves the thanks of the traveling public for their latest order, viz: that the steps to the cars should be made lower or that the interior be higher.

A public missionary meeting will be held at the Lutheran church to-morrow night. The church is being decorated for the occasion. Rev. Ed. Wolf, D. D., of Gettysburg, Pa., will deliver an address.

During May fourteen marriage licenses were issued in Rowan county. Of these ten were white and four colored. The marriage report shows only four deaths, two white and two colored.

The Y. M. C. A. has recently received donations in the way of pictures. One was a beautiful oil painting from Miss Mary Watson and the other was an excellent work in crayon from Miss Annie Coit.

An unmentionable crime was attempted on a little white girl, a daughter of John Price, in the southern part of the county, last Thursday morning, by an unknown negro. The negro was scared away and escaped.

Mexican Chick closed his performances last Saturday night. He had played for eleven nights to crowded audiences each time. He found that a minute takes well here and promises to return in the fall.

Prof. H. A. Banks called in our office Friday evening. He was on his return to his home in Asheville from the University. Prof. Banks, it will be remembered, did the local work on the WATCHMAN a few months in 1890.

The immense truck trade of the South has begun in earnest. Vegetable trains pass through here daily for New York and other northern cities. The north-bound passenger train Sunday night carries fifty-two crates of southern peaches.

At a meeting of the Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, last Friday night, the company adjourned and turned the Independent of the property of the company, over to the town. They also exonerated W. Barker from blame at the recent fire.

We are entering one of the most important political campaigns ever fought, and everybody should have a paper that will give its honest opinions, deserves the support of all. Send in your subscriptions at once.

The catalogue of the University for 1892-93, which has just been received, is very handsome and interesting publication. There were 248 students, a gain of 50 over the previous year. Of these 55 were women. Six brief courses of study have been established for young men who cannot spend four years at the University.

Mr. W. E. Gales, assistant State secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will begin a series of meetings at the hall here Sunday afternoon, and continue for several days. The meetings are for men only. All young men are invited to come.

The Baptist Sunday school picnic was held at Union church, six miles east of town, Tuesday. A rain and thunder storm came up in the afternoon, but the crowd took refuge in the school house, and no one was wet. The breaking of one shaft is the only misfortune that befell them.

At the request of Hon. John S. Henderson, member of Congress from this district, the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries had 200,000 shad fry deposited in the Catawba river at Morganton, and 250,000 in the Yadkin river at a point nine miles from Salisbury.

Sheriff Allison, of Iredell county, passed through here Monday night on his way to Raleigh with some prisoners for the penitentiary. Among them was James Reeves, a young man formerly of this place. He was convicted of breaking into a house and attempting to shoot some one.

About the cheapest railroad rate we ever heard of will be given on an excursion to Richmond on June 29th. The round trip from any point between here and Charlotte is only \$3.20. The regular fare is about \$7.75 one way. You leave here early on the morning of the 29th, and returning leave Richmond late the next evening.

There was a large number of deaf mutes on board the noon train yesterday. They were returning from the deaf and dumb school at Raleigh. Some went up the Western road, one remained here and others went further south. The one remaining here was Johnnie, a twelve-year-old son of R. A. McLaughlin, of Harris, this county.

Tax listing was begun on June 1st. In Salisbury township it will last till the 25th. The farmers should come prepared to give in farm statistics. The lister will want to know everything you raise and the amount of everything. This will not affect your taxes but is gotten up to give the State some statistics for publication.

Last week we stated that the loss of the City Mills fell on Mr. B. S. Caplan, but have learned since that the only loss sustained was the stock of flour, etc., on hand, all of which was insured. The loss of the mill falls on Mr. P. M. Brown, of Bear Poplar, the owner and former proprietor, also partly on his sister, who owned an interest in the property.

The street commissioners have decided to put an obstruction down the middle of North Third street in the shape of a park (?) that will take up about a third of the roadway. It will extend two squares, from Church to Fulton street. There will hardly be room enough left on each side for vehicles to pass. Their object is to beautify the street. If it were a third larger there would be no objection, but with that popular thoroughfare at its present width we fail to see the logic in the street commissioners' action.

For parties desiring to attend the State Teachers' Assembly, at Morehead City, the following rates have been given: From Salisbury and return, \$7.15; Statesville, \$7.65; Charlotte, \$8.05, plus \$2.00, which covers membership coupon sold with tickets, entitling purchaser to all privileges of the assembly and reduced rates at the hotel. Tickets on sale June 18th. To persons attending the W. N. C. Teachers' Assembly, at Waynesville, June 17th, the following rates will be given: Salisbury, \$4.65; Charlotte, \$4.90; Statesville, \$4.25.

Last week Mr. J. P. Gowan showed in a walking cane that has a history. It is a rough hickory stick about an inch in diameter. It was cut from a tree on the "Hermitage" by Gen. Andrew Jackson, in 1830, while on a visit home during his first term as president. President Jackson took the stick to Washington and had a silver head with the proper inscription put on it. He then presented it to Col. John Carson, who was then living in the western part of this State. Mrs. Gowan being a grand daughter of Colonel Carson, inherited the stick. It is highly prized as an heirloom.

Aldermen in Session.

A called meeting of the city aldermen was held at the Mayor's office Tuesday night.

A committee was appointed to ascertain the damage done to the fire hose.

It was ordered that hereafter the reels and hose should be taken out only by firemen. A committee was appointed to committee was appointed to confer with the chief in regard to the re-organization of the fire department.

A water gauge was ordered placed in the Mayor's office for the use of the city.

Increase of Capital Stock.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Vance Cotton Mills on Monday the capital stock of the company was raised from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Old stockholders will have the refusal of the new stock in proportion to their present holdings, provided application be made within ten days.

The directors were authorized to order at once enough machinery to fill the mill. This is an evidence of prosperity and shows that the Vance mills are on a sound footing.

Work will soon commence on eight additional tenement houses, like the ones now in use.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Meeting of Magistrates and Commissioners Monday-Important Business Transacted.

The annual meeting of the magistrates of Rowan county was held at the court house on Monday at noon. Fifty-nine magistrates were present. In concert with the commissioners they began the work of levying taxes for the ensuing year.

TAXES FOR 1892.

Ordered, that a special tax for school purposes of 5 cents on each \$1,000 in value of all property in Rowan county, making a total tax of 30 cents an every \$100 in valuation. Also, further ordered that there shall be levied and collected a special tax of 23 cents on each poll for school purposes in addition to the tax already levied by the legislature in the revenue act for schools, making a total tax on each poll of \$1.35.

Ordered, that 17 1/2 cents be levied on each poll in addition to the 23 cents already levied by the revenue act, making a total tax of 36 cents on each poll for the poor.

Also ordered that an ad valorem tax of 12 cents be levied on every \$100 in valuation of property to be used for all county purposes.

Ordered, that an ad valorem tax of ten cents be levied on every \$100 of personal property in Salisbury township to pay the interest on the bonds of the Yadkin railroad. A similar tax of 10 cents was also levied in Gold Hill and Morgan townships.

Ordered, that there be levied a tax of 1 of one per cent on all net incomes, for county purposes.

Ordered, that there shall be levied for county purposes on all subjects and persons as mentioned in schedule B of the revenue act of 1891, the same amount of tax as levied for the State except the public ferries which shall be \$2.50.

NEW ROAD LAW.

Ordered, that the road law of 1889 providing for the working of public roads by convict labor, etc., be adopted and that an assessment of 5 cents on the \$100 in valuation and 15 cents on poll be made, the money to be expended on the road according to the act adopted. This to take effect on the first Monday in August, next.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS.

The joint board then adjourned and the board of magistrates convened to elect county commissioners for the ensuing year. All the old board, Messrs. W. L. Klutz, C. Kestler, J. A. Stewart, I. Frank Patterson and L. W. Coleman, were re-elected.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

After the meeting of the magistrates the county commissioners held their regular monthly session.

The sheriff was ordered to issue license to saloon keepers to retail liquor from July 1st to January 1st. Also to issue license to Leo Schulz for the sale of beer.

A number of exemptions from poll tax were ordered.

P. A. Sloop was ordered to repair Dutch Buffalo creek bridge on China Grove and Gold Hill road.

The grand jury's report was read. It showed the jail and county home to be in good condition.

The usual donations were made to outdoor poor persons.

The number of inmates at the county home during May was reported at 18, 8 white and 10 colored. Cost of maintaining same was \$41.23.

What Did They Celebrate?

A discussion arose between the writer and a friend one day last week concerning the 80th of May and the reasons for celebrating the same. Our friend contended that the negroes met to celebrate their emancipation. Just to gratify our curiosity we went out on the street with note book and pencil and put this question to a number of negroes: "What do you celebrate to-day?" Only one gave the correct answer—"Federal decoration day." Only one said "Emancipation." All except these said "Don't know."

After our interview we decided that nine-tenths of them did not know what the day was set aside for. They came here for the purpose of having a good time, and did not have a spark of patriotism in their breasts. Several of our contemporaries have referred to it as emancipation day.

Around Mooresville.

Miss Fannie Walters attended the Sunday school convention at Mooresville last week.

Mr. Elonzo Neill had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse recently.

Mr. Alfred Smith left last week for a lengthy visit to friends in Stanly county.

Mr. H. C. Davidson, the Alliance lecturer, spoke at Belmont Alliance Saturday before last, on the issues of the day.

A praying circle was organized at the Brantly school house Sunday before last with J. W. A. Kerr as president. After several hymns were sung by the Sunday school, Mr. Kerr made a very able talk and read a chapter appropriate to the occasion. The circle will meet every Sunday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Prof. Nicholson's school at Oak Institute closed on Thursday, the 19th ult. An unusual large audience were present to witness the occasion. Rev. Dr. Bays delivered an address on the "False Views of Life," which was highly spoken of by all who had the pleasure of hearing him. The recitations and dialogues at night were without a single exception well delivered and reflected much credit on both pupils and their instructor. The next term opens August 9th.

Mooresville, May 28, 1892.

MECKLENBURG NEWS.

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

Personal.

The time having expired for which I agreed to work for the WATCHMAN, and as other duties are pressing, the office and business of the Mecklenburg department will be in care of Bro. Sossamon for the future. I think my Alliance brethren will not construe my withdrawal from the service of the county organ, as in any sense abandoning the fight for Alliance principles. Whilst there is a wrong to be redressed, the Alliance will live, and while it lives I expect to defend its principles and lead my feeble efforts towards the attainment of the noble ends for which it has been struggling.

W. G. STEELE.

Dr. Wharton, a noted evangelist of the Baptist church, will begin a protracted meeting at the Tryon street Baptist church soon.

Mr. W. A. Blankenship and Miss Essie Davis were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. L. Davis, in Charlotte, on June 1st; Rev. Dr. Reid, of the 2d Presbyterian church performing the ceremony.

The capitalized class who made one and a half billion dollars by the conversion of greenbacks into bonds and then establishing their power over the currency and the people by demonetization of silver, will see to it that their interests are not hurt by any action of a millionaire Senate.

We have had a fine rain throughout the county. We talked with a number of farmers last Saturday from different sections of the county and they say without an exception that the outlook for a fine crop was never better at this date in their recollection for a general crop, cane, wheat, oats, cotton, vegetables and other crops.

A prominent unmarried merchant in this city had a narrow escape from kidnappers at the Methodist church last Sunday night. They succeeded in getting hold of him and got partly out of the building when by a superhuman effort he extricated himself. We will not call names as we do not wish to be called into court.

The Progressive Farmer this week advises Bro. Furman to go north and learn to skil a boat. That would be a useless expenditure of money. The Alliance of North Carolina will do the skilling act in his case on the 8th of November. If we believe what they say, they know as well how to read a man up Salt river as any set of people on earth.

A certain young man in Charlotte re-acted on the fourth day of June, 1891, that he would give two dollars apiece for the pictures of the members of the Farmers' Alliance on the fourth of June, 1892. The young man has been called on for the money. The committee report about 1,600 and he can't pay and have enough left for his wash bill.

The amendment to the constitution providing for the election of U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people has been reported to the Senate. That is a step in the right direction, but as it would make their august dignities, more directly responsible to the people, and possibly the attainment of senatorial honors more expensive to acquire, it is safe to guess that it will be defeated.

There is considerable complaint among the city eaters about stale meat, such as beef, fish, etc., and vegetables. Why is it a city of this size has no inspector for that purpose put on the track. Let him visit each and every place where fresh meats and vegetables are sold and if he finds stale meats or vegetables being offered for sale condemn them. This may affect the doctors, druggists, and undertakers business but it will probably save suffering and death to many.

Bro. Caldwell says in his paper on the first that he renews his pledge to abandon the old theory and try something new if the old way is tried again and fails. He quotes Paul as saying, "Except thou abide in the ship ye cannot be saved." If there was no other evidence than the acts of the present democratic Congress it should be evidence that the masses will not get relief from those quarters. Paul or some other man said now was the accepted time, delay not till to-morrow.

Rev. W. W. Orr's singer, Mr. B. B. Hunter, informs us that he had an unexpected compliment paid him last week, at Hickory Grove, S. C., where they were conducting a meeting. The last sermon was preached to the negroes. Bro. Hunter knowing the great love the negro has for singing pulled the throttle wide open. After the sermon was over an old darkey came to him and the street and told him that he had always been told that a white man could not sing like a negro, "but I just tell you boss you sings more like a negro den any man I see sing in dis country."

The laboring people of Charlotte having for sometime desired to organize into a "Citizens Alliance," but there being no charter, they proceeded on Monday night to organize into a local order and assumed the name of "The Laborers' Protective Association." The object, as we understand it, is to improve themselves financially by inculcating ideas of "honesty, thrift and economy," by "buying for cash from him who will give best terms," by "aiding the brother who may be out of work," and by "caring for the sick and distressed." To improve themselves morally by teaching reliance upon Him who "clothes the lily and notes the

fall of the sparrow." To improve themselves intellectually by informing themselves upon their duties and rights as citizens of a free government. All white laboring people of any vocation are eligible to membership. The association is a highly commendable one and deserves encouragement from all Christian people of every class.

Married.

Mr. John Hooks and Miss Lillie Black, both of Matthews, were married at Pineville on the 3d.

Mr. John Cunningham and Miss Carrie Weeks were also married on the 3d, Rev. T. J. Wade officiating.

Esquire Hilton Sustained.

The county finance committee consisting of Capt. John R. Erwin, H. D. Stowe, and Capt. T. L. Vail, was engaged yesterday afternoon in investigating charges preferred against S. H. Hilton. The investigation was concluded late in the afternoon when the committee reported that they find Mr. Hilton "not indebted to the county as alleged."

Deaths.

Mrs. Bettie Wearn, wife of Mr. W. R. Wearn, died after a painful illness of some weeks, aged twenty-seven years.

Edward, the twenty-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carson, died last week.

The six-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Owen, died on the morning of the 5th.

Criminal Court.

Following is the financial statement of Mecklenburg criminal court. Statement of the amount paid on account of the criminal court, and amount received from the court for the years 1890 and 1891:

Amount paid out for '90 \$4,823.34
Amount paid out for '91 6,255.48
Total for '90-91 \$11,078.82

By amount from fines, jury taxes and convict labor for '91 8,785.44 \$13,903.92

Bal. to the profit of county, \$ 2,925.12

The convict labor used upon the roads is estimated at 4 1/2 cents per day—the estimate placed upon it by the parties who work the convicts.

The above statement shows that the revenue from the criminal court not only pays back to the county the cost of the court but gives the county an annual profit of \$1,462.56.

Third History Lesson.

History class come forward on third history lesson.

Q.—How many homes are under mortgage in the United States?
A.—\$9,000,000.

Q.—How much land does the railroads in the United States own?
A.—280,000,000 acres so says the last census report.

Q.—How much land is owned by foreign and domestic capital?
A.—\$5,000,000.

Q.—What is cotton worth?
A.—From five to six cents per pound.

Q.—What is calico worth?
A.—Forty-five cents per pound.

Q.—What is alumina worth?
A.—About thirty-five or forty cents per pound.

Q.—What is all this stuff made from?
A.—From five and six cent cotton.

Q.—Why is there such a great difference in the price?
A.—Because the manufacturer is protected. They call it protecting infant industry.

Q.—How long does this government protect its infants?
A.—Until they get big enough to wear No. 10 boots and kick the daylight out of the people.

Q.—What does it cost to raise a hundred pounds of cotton in North Carolina?
A.—About \$8.33.

Q.—Is overproduction what makes cotton so cheap?
A.—No it is underconsumption.

Q.—Why do you think so?
A.—We guess by the number of people we see every day almost naked.

Q.—Why is that?
A.—They have no money to buy with.

Reply to Mr. Harris.

The News in its issue of May 27th copies our reply to its fling at the WATCHMAN in a previous issue and comments as follows:

All of this is very nice and sweet and comforting. We were really unprepared for so flattering an endorsement from brother Steele. We are glad to learn that he is satisfied that the "battle the Alliance has been making for three years for political reform is shaping the democratic State platform of the States and will bear fruit in the national convention" at Omaha, or Chicago?

While appreciating brother Steele's compliments, we are still fain to observe that he utterly ignores the innocent question, "Will the Mecklenburg Alliance department support the ticket nominated at Raleigh last week?"

We observe again, that the WATCHMAN does not run up the ticket, nor does it say a word for or against. After all it seems rather rude for us to again insist upon him showing his hand on the State ticket, but we are wicked enough to do so. Will you support it?"

We will not so insult Mr. Harris' intelligence as to suppose he did not know we meant Chicago since we were only speaking of democratic conventions. We followed Lee and Hampton from Manassa to Appomattox and have since voted the democratic ticket, and we believe we possess the inherent right of an American freeman to cheerish political convictions of our own, and vote as conscience dictates, without being answerable to partisan bosses or whippers in, yet as we try to be as amiable as the News is "wicked" we will gladly gratify Mr. Har-

ris by answering any question he may ask.

Will we "support the ticket nominated at Raleigh" on the 18th ult? Yes, if the ticket supports the platform put up at Raleigh on the 18th ult. As measures are vastly more important than men, if the action of a party convention in nominating a ticket is bidding on votes, surely the principles enunciated by the convention is more bidding. The platform of '92, like that of '90, is a modification of the Ocala demands, and we regard it as a liberal concession on the part of the anti-Alliance element and we appreciate the spirit that made them endorse it. If the "ticket" endorses and contends for the principles involved in the platform between this and November, we hope all good alliancemen will vote the "ticket." If they do not, we are neither logically nor honorably bound to support it.

Elias Carr, Octavius Coke, and John C. Scarborough, as good alliancemen, will, of course support the platform. Mr. Daughton, having been elected speaker of an Alliance House of Representatives, can be trusted to do the same. We have it personally from Frank Osborne that he "finds no objection to the Ocala platform and favors any measure to give financial relief to the people" and though differing with him in some things, as a brilliant Mecklenburger, and a son of his father, we will gladly give him a vote.

Mr. R. M. Furman we believe has distinguished himself by denouncing the Alliance and its principles, but as "charity for all and brotherly love among ourselves" is a motto of our order, if Mr. Furman shows that he has repented we will even vote for him. Bain, Aycock and Glenn are gentlemen of honor, and we suppose would not accept a nomination and not support the platform, so we can see our way to support them. Now, having answered Mr. Harris' question so fully, will he have the kindness to get on the stand.

The third plank in the platform drafted at Raleigh on the 18th says "that we demand the abolition of national banks and the substitution of legal tender treasury notes in lieu of national bank notes, etc." Will Mr. Harris "support" that plank?

Fourth plank: We demand that Congress pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the dealing in futures of all agricultural and mechanical products; providing such stringent system of procedure in trials as shall secure prompt conviction, and imposing such penalties as shall secure most perfect compliance with the law. Will Mr. Harris support that?

Fifth plank: That we demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Sixth plank: That we demand the passage of laws prohibiting the alien ownership of land, and that Congress take early steps to devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by alien and foreign syndicates, and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them, be reclaimed and held for actual settlers only. Will Mr. Harris support those?

The following amendment was offered and endorsed unanimously with exception of a few votes from Charlotte:

Resolved, That we favor a graduated tax upon incomes.

Will Mr. Harris answer that? We will await an answer and if it is affirmative, we promise that our zeal for the ticket shall not be less warm than his enthusiasm for the platform. We further promise, if he gives a hearty support to the principles involved in the above we will gladly welcome him as a co-laborer of the Alliance.

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Gideon's Band.

We see a great deal said about Gideon's band. There is a very fine one in this county and we have engaged them to play at the park the evening that John Sossamon takes his first trip in the observer balloon. Admission for Alliance members, one peck of Irish potatoes; free to all outsiders, with reserved seats. The band has kindly furnished us with the first piece that will be played. For the music apply to Tom Ritch, at Thomas & Vails stable.

Old Eve she the apple did eat,
Old Eve she the apple did eat,
Old Eve she the apple did eat,
And threw the peelings at her feet.

Chorus:
Do you belong to Gideon's band,
Old Adam he came prowling round,
Old Adam he came prowling round,
Old Adam he came prowling round,
And spied the peelings on