

The June bug has put in his appearance.  
Rev. C. B. King is now in Baltimore making his annual vacation.  
The days are now fourteen hours and thirty-five minutes in length.  
Rising ears and tomatoes appeared on the market a few days ago.

The WATCHMAN wants a live local agent at every postoffice in the county.  
Rev. N. S. Jones left Monday for Morehead to spend several weeks' vacation.

Mr. J. Henry Tharp, of Harmony, Irredell county, gave us a pleasant call yesterday morning.  
Salisbury is truly a city of awnings.  
The number now reaches fifty, and still more are being erected.

The case of Rev. Frances E. Shober, formerly of Salisbury, is creating a sensation in Tarrytown, N. Y.  
Salisbury has caught the base ball fever. The boys are practicing on the ball grounds in East Salisbury.

We notice the brick pavements sinking in several places. This should be looked after before it gets too bad.  
Mr. Edwin Shaver is in Cincinnati attending the National Prohibition Convention, which met yesterday.

The annual Masonic picnic will be held at Mocksville on Monday, July 11th. A big time is in store for all who attend.  
Messrs. G. A. and C. J. Bingham were called to Statesville Tuesday night by a telegram announcing the death of their aunt.

The Presbyterian picnic was held at Dunn's Mountain Tuesday. They had a pleasant day and all enjoyed themselves fully.  
A magic lantern exhibition of scenes in Japan was given before a small audience in the Baptist church last Saturday night.

A subscription school will be started at Salem Academy, July 4th, and will be taught by Mr. C. W. Parker, of Guilford county.  
Next Monday, July 4th, being a national holiday, the banks will be closed and the postoffice will observe Sunday hours.

Charlotte has a new publication in the way of a monthly medical journal, with Drs. E. C. Register and J. C. Montgomery as editors.  
Rev. J. F. Tuttle, formerly of this city, began a protracted meeting at the Baptist church in Washington, N. C., last week.

The store of Bingham & Co., is being painted and re-penciled. The stores along Main street are beginning to look new again.  
We wonder if Salisbury's young democrats will revive the use of the big white Cleveland beaver, worn so much during the last campaign.

Capt. C. M. Lee returned yesterday from Rochester, N. Y., where he had been attending the Association of National Mechanics.  
The Salisbury Cotton Mills was closed down Saturday and Monday in order to connect water in the old building with the new one.

Mr. G. W. Wright, our enterprising furniture man, will open a music house in the building just below his furniture emporium, in a few days.  
The amount of mail, baggage and express handled daily at our depot is immense. A large amount of it comes down the Western road.

We are glad to see Mr. T. A. Coughenour out again. He has been confined to his home the past two weeks with injuries received in a runaway.  
The checks for the employees of the railroad at this place arrived last Saturday, after a delay of ten days.

Attention is called to Reiser & Goeman's ad. They offer a gold watch free to the person who can bring them a watch which they cannot repair.  
There will be a picnic at the Narrows on Saturday, July 21. Everybody is invited to go and take lunch baskets, with expectations of having a nice time.

Trains have been rather irregular on the Western road for a few days, owing to another washout, which occurred at Sandy Marsh, beyond Asheville, Monday.  
The high wind last Friday evening blew up a part of the tin roof of the opera house. It also blew a tree over the track of the Yadkin road near Rockwell.

A long record was broken on Tuesday when the Presbyterian picnic failed to get wet. However, there was a light sprinkle early in the morning and a rain at night.  
Mr. Thomas McKenzie, of Rowan, and Miss Maggie Coble, of Greensboro, were married at the latter place yesterday.

Rev. B. S. McKenzie, a brother of the groom, officiating.  
The clerical force of the R. & D. R. R. headquarters, at Atlanta, Ga., passed through here Sunday morning for Washington, to which place the general offices have been moved.

A meeting will be held in the court house to-night to ratify the nomination made by the national and State democratic conventions. They will probably have a rousing time.  
A bicyclist left here last Friday morning for Savannah, Ga., his home. Word came back that he made the distance of twenty-two miles between here and Concord in about two hours.

It is now reported that the Norfolk and Western railroad will push its Roanoke & Southern branch south by way of Thomasville. If true, that will put it further out of our reach.  
There is to be a match game of ball at the grounds in East Salisbury between the Franklin and Salisbury nines, tomorrow evening at four o'clock. A beaten time is expected.

The roller flour mill is to be erected on the corner of Long and Liberty streets, in East Salisbury. A side track will probably be built out to the mill. The erection will begin at once.  
The hottest days of the year are upon us, and it behooves us to clean up our back lots, cellars, hog pens, etc., and prevent sickness. Your back lot is sometimes offensive to your neighbor when it is not to you.

About two dozen Salisburyans took advantage of the cheap rates and left on the excursion for Richmond, yesterday morning. It contained five well filled coaches and left here about an hour and a half behind time.  
We return thanks to Mr. J. D. Kernodle, of the Alamance Gleamer, for an invitation to attend the Alamance races. As our horse editor has distemper and no one else is "hossing" to go, we will be forced to decline.

The Winston Sentinel of last Tuesday says: "Dr. J. A. Blum left this morning by private conveyance for a tour through Guilford, Randolph, Rowan and Davie counties to gather specimens of small grain for the World's Fair.  
There will be divine services in the Lutheran church Sunday night. The pulpit will be filled by Mr. H. N. Miller. Mr. Miller is a young man and an able speaker, and it is hoped that a large audience will turn out to hear him.

The weather crop bulletin has this report from Salisbury for last week: "Wheat is all cut and the yield is unusually good. Corn, cotton and tobacco are doing well. Peaches and apples are ripe. Grapes and blackberries abundant."  
The next meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be held in Charlotte on July 27th and 28th. It is probable this will be the largest meeting yet held. They propose to take an excursion to Washington or New York after they adjourn.

Improved roads will bring all classes of rural population into closer social relations with each other, increase the pleasure as well as the profit of travel, shorten distance, save time and give evidence of a better civilization. Push the good work forward.  
The first religious services in the new Presbyterian church was the prayer-meeting last Wednesday night. The first Sunday service was held last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Fogartie, of Chapel Hill. He preached in the Sunday school room, the main auditorium not being completed.

Last Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock the west bound train on the Western road was suddenly halted at the trestle crossing Sandy Marsh, which empties into the French Broad, 16 miles west of Asheville. Engineer Frank Ketchie, at this place, saw the washout and stopped his train when within fifty feet of the place.  
Maj. Harrell is making arrangements for an excursion of the North Carolina teachers to the World's Fair in Chicago, next year. It is expected that twelve days will be devoted to the trip, and Maj. Harrell thinks that \$35.00 will cover the entire expense of the excursion. This will be the biggest and most popular excursion ever taken by the assembly.

Mr. Charles Ernest, son of Hon. F. E. Shober, of Salisbury, will, in connection with Mr. George G. Fetter, a successful publisher of Louisville, Ky., begin the publication of Ketter's Southern Magazine in that city next month. They announce its prime intention to bring out the talent of the young authors of the South who have repeatedly met with discouragement elsewhere. We wish them success.  
The Fire Department.  
A called meeting of the city aldermen was held last Thursday night for the purpose of re-organizing the fire department. The Pioneer and Independent reel companies and the Hook & Ladder Company were re-organized with a captain and sufficient volunteers for each. Other reel companies will be organized. New wheels were ordered put on the largest reel, also a rack for drying the hose was ordered built. Hereafter the firemen will be paid \$1 per month for their services. We now have a well equipped fire department.

Notice.  
The members of the People's party and all others, regardless of past party affiliations, of Franklin township, who favor the reform movement, are requested to meet at Franklin Academy, on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 o'clock, p. m., to elect a township executive committee and to transact such other business as may properly come before them.  
All are cordially invited to attend.  
W. T. GHEES.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.  
SUBSCRIBE TO THE WATCHMAN!  
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Fire Last Saturday.  
About five o'clock last Saturday evening lightning from a dark cloud struck the residence of Mr. P. M. Bernhardt, at Innis street, next to the covered bridge. No one was hurt by the shock and for a while it was not known that the house had been set on fire by the lightning. As soon as the fire was discovered the alarm was given and the fire department responded promptly and did good work. Everything in the house was saved, but of course sustained slight damage. The roof was completely burned off, but the walls and floor were saved. The loss is about \$1,000, fully insured. Mr. Bernhardt will probably have it rebuilt soon.

A Terrific Storm.  
The most damaging storm known to many old citizens around Organ Church passed over that place last Friday evening. Its track was narrow but it carried destruction in its path. The greatest damage done was to the wheat crop. Not a shock was left standing, some being blown more than a hundred yards. The storm was accompanied with hail, which greatly damaged the corn and cotton crop. Tobacco barns and other buildings were unroofed. The forests were terribly slayed by the wind, huge trees being torn up. Six or eight miles further on in Cabarrus county the damage by hail was more severe, almost completely destroying the crops.

Deaths.  
Mr. Martin S. Colly, who was taken ill with typhoid fever and returned to his home near Post's Mill about three weeks ago, died at 7 o'clock last Thursday evening. He did not have a strong constitution and his case was pronounced hopeless from the first. He was twenty-two years old at the time of his death. For nearly two years he had been a clerk in Salisbury, and had made many friends here. He was buried from Salem church Saturday morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCorkle died at Chapel Hill last Thursday. The remains were brought to Salisbury and buried in Oak Grove cemetery Saturday morning, the funeral being conducted from the residence of Mrs. J. D. Brown. Mrs. McCorkle was a sister of the late J. D. Brown and Williams Brown, of this city.

Be on the Lookout.  
Correspondence of the Watchman.  
A white, middle-aged man, dressed in a blue suit of clothes, came to Mr. Pleasant Wise's house on last Saturday while Mr. and Mrs. Wise were attending the funeral of Mr. M. S. Colly. He stepped upon the piazza and attracted the attention of Mrs. Garner. When she came up with a big bunch of bright keys in his hand as if ready to unlock the door, and a large revolver buckled around his waist. He did not speak but three words and they were, "Who lives here?" She replied, "Mr. Wise." He then sprang off through the field for the woods.

Around Mooresville.  
Correspondence of the Watchman.  
Rev. J. M. Wharey, of Mooresville, preached at Mrs. Nancy Brawley's last Saturday evening.  
Mr. J. Henry Tharp, of Harmony, spent a few days in this community last week. He will teach the public school which opens July 4th.  
Mr. Frank Cornelius, who has been attending school at Trap Hill, is at home to spend the summer vacation.  
Mr. Jas. Horne, late of Catawba, but now of this county, recently stocked his barn with a lot of fine cattle. He is an enterprising man and is one of the best farmers of Irredell.

Wheat is about all harvested and it is reported as being unusually good.  
Resolutions of Respect.  
The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by Wood Grove Alliance on Saturday, June 25th:  
Resolved, That this Alliance has heard with great regret and sorrow of the death of our esteemed and devoted national president. He has been so dear to us and has stood like a Gibraltar for us at all times for the upbuilding of our organization from its infancy until his death. We fervently pray that he may be succeeded by a "Joshua" to lead us on in triumph.  
Resolved, That our sympathy and condolence are extended to his wife and children.  
Resolved, That a copy of the above be sent to the Economist, Progressive Farmer and WATCHMAN for publication.  
JESSE W. MILLER,  
Sec. Wood Grove Alliance, No. 404.

PELLEE ALLIANCE, No. 1,312.  
WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call away from earth our esteemed brother, Col. L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, and while we bow in humble submission to this sad dispensation of an Allwise and Allmerciful Providence which sends a dagger of sadness and grief to the hearts of millions of the tillering people of the United States and shrouds the homes of multitudes in the dark drapery of mourning, therefore be it  
Resolved 1st, That in the death of our esteemed brother the State has lost one of her noblest sons, the nation a pure statesman and a patriot whose place can not be easily filled.  
Resolved 2d, That in his death the reform movement has sustained an irreparable loss, a scholar of rare abilities, a speaker of most excellent type and a leader in whom was combined all those noble qualities which go to make up the true man in the highest degree.  
Resolved 3d, That we, as citizens of Rowan county, extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy.  
Resolved 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Progressive Farmer and WATCHMAN for publication, also that a copy be spread on our minutes.  
J. L. H. FISHER,  
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MECKLENBURG NEWS.  
What is Going on Among the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.  
The threshing horn is heard in the land.  
Peaches and apples are very poor and scarce.  
Charlotte is eating tomatoes of her own manufacture.  
Our favorite fruit is being gathered—the blackberry.  
The merchants say that trade was never duller at this season than now.  
The heavy wind Saturday blew the roof off Dr. Alexander's barn, two miles out from town.  
Dr. J. B. Alexander is in Florida attending the bedside of his brother-in-law who is not expected to live.  
Two prohibitions were in a Third party meeting in Alamance county the other day, so says the Gleamer.  
The farmers say the outlook has never been better than now. Wheat threshing is going on and wheat is good.  
L. C. McKay, of Huntersville, threshed 894 bushels of wheat this week, which was raised on three acres of land.  
Rev. Dr. C. M. Payne, of Concord, preached two able sermons in Charlotte last Sunday. Both services were highly enjoyed.  
Bro. Mac Sample called in to see us this week. He says the crop outlook in Hopewell is fine, but says the Cleveland crop is not promising.  
Doctors differ. We heard a cotton merchant say last week that cotton would not have been below 8 cents had it not been controlled by bucket shops.  
Sarcastically judging from the amount of drunkenness, obscenity and profanity among the democrat delegates last Sunday in Chicago, prohibition must be a crime.  
The People's party of Alabama have adopted the St. Louis platform and selected a delegation to the national convention. The convention declined to put out a State ticket.  
The county commissioners will celebrate the glorious 4th by having a meeting that day. Capt. Dick Hilton will occupy the throne. Come along with your good moral characters.  
North Carolina cast three and one third votes for Cleveland at the convention. How many will the Alliance cast in November? About the same proportion, from what we hear.  
Private messages from Washington to New York say that the Judiciary committee has decided that the Hatch bill is unconstitutional, so better prices of cotton may be expected.—Liz.  
Mr. J. C. Alexander left Monday morning to attend the prohibition convention at Cincinnati. They could have had a dry town by going to Chicago. The convention last week dried it out there.  
A Statement from Mr. Osborne.  
To the Editor of the Carolina Watchman:  
DEAR SIR:—As you and your correspondent from Mecklenburg have done me justice in your comments upon my nomination as the democratic candidate for attorney-general, I request you to publish in your columns the following statement in reply to some publications with reference to my position towards the Farmers' Alliance in North Carolina, which have been made in several reform papers in this State, since the democratic convention held at Raleigh on the 18th of May last. It is unnecessary for me to repeat the publications, I will simply state my position towards the reform movement.  
The democratic party in the year 1890 in convention assembled in our State adopted almost entirely what is known as the Ocala platform, and I voted for the candidates who were elected upon that platform, thereby manifesting my approval of it to that extent. In our convention the same party incorporated in its platform nearly all of what is known as the St. Louis demands. I was nominated, well understanding how many of those demands had been thus adopted by my party, and unless I had intended to support the doctrines contained in the platform of that party, I would not have accepted the nomination, but would have declined in favor of some one who would and honestly could do so. I stand then on the platform upon which I was nominated. But above and beyond all party, and outside of all demands by any political convention, I would consider myself a man and a narrow-minded man if I did not do all in my power to relieve the agricultural population of my State from the distress of which they complain. I am a democrat because I sincerely believe it is the only political party from which such relief can be obtained, but I am a true partisan and devoted to the present organization and to what is known as "Special Information," a sheet issued by the editor of the Progressive Farmer, in which the writer says that in my speech accepting the nomination of attorney-general, I was bitter in my remarks about the Alliance. With all due reference to the writer above mentioned I say that he is entirely mistaken, unless it is true that the Farmers' Alliance and the Third party are synonymous terms. I expect perhaps he believes this, but I find that my Alliance friends, and they are many, upon inquiry tell me this is not true. He will kindly substitute the words "Third party" instead of Farmers' Alliance in the piece to which I allude, he will probably come nearer the truth, for in all probability I certainly did say some things about that organization which might be called bitter. So far as the Farmers' Alliance is concerned I have never used a bitter or unkind expression about it, and what is more I never felt an unkindness towards it. All this is as well known where I am known that I only publish it for the purpose of counteracting the evil effects, where I am known, of a piece by a writer who does not know me, and who evidently misrepresented me.  
Will you kindly ask the other reform papers in our State to copy this? Yours respectfully,  
F. O. FORTSON.  
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