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**TO WATCHMAN SUBSCRIBERS.**  
 We have a simple request to make to our subscribers. It is that each one trade with the merchants who advertise in the WATCHMAN. Those advertisers deserve your patronage. They ask you for your trade through your paper. There are perhaps other merchants in Salisbury who would like to have your patronage but they have not asked for it through this paper. They want your trade without having to pay out any money to help your paper. Are you going to assist in supporting those who do not assist you? You should not.

Another point: When you buy from our advertisers please tell them you saw their ads in the WATCHMAN. It will help us and cost you nothing. Don't forget this:

We were gently, but most frankly informed Saturday by one of our subscribers that he wished his paper discontinued; that he intended to order every newspaper, to which he is now a subscriber, discontinued when his subscription expires. Upon being questioned as to his motive for so doing he gave as an excuse that he had not the time to go to the postoffice for his mail. He said that he could not get time to go but (about) once per month. This gentleman, for all we know, may be a "business" man and has not the time to go for his mail, as the distance to his postoffice is four miles, but we cannot imagine how he is to navigate when he does not subscribe for any papers. Wonder if this man has a sweetheart and, if so whether or not he ever receives such a thing as a letter? As we sit in our lonely sanctorium with hundreds of books, magazines and newspapers coming in weekly, and, as we contemplate the many humiliations to which such a man will, from ignorance caused by not reading, be subjected, we are constrained to drop a tear.

God save this man.

We have long since realized that it is impossible to please everybody, but we feel very grateful to those who have spoken so kindly of the management of the WATCHMAN. The WATCHMAN is undoubtedly fast gaining in popularity, and we confidently expect a big increase in circulation in the near future. If each individual friend of the WATCHMAN will go to work for the paper we will soon have a subscription list that will compare favorably with that of any paper in the State. We already lead in Rowan county.

**FALSEHOOD OR FOOLISHNESS.**  
 Tom Watson says: "There is no Populist party now in Kansas." Is that so Thomas? Then will you kindly name the party that has paid off \$200,000 of its state debt within the last three months; that is leading in the efforts to build a great north and south railroad to be owned and operated by the people; whose insurance commissioner has made such a gallant fight against the vampire corporations of the east; who has sent Jerry Simpson to Washington to tell Tom Reed a thing or two; who has a prosperous state today in spite of the eastern boycott and the cry of its being in the hand of the calamity-howlers? Who are these people, Thomas, if not Populists? Did they not cast a vote for humanity in 96? Right well you know they did.

Tom Watson may know all about Populism and more besides but when he makes such an assertion as "There are no Populists in Kansas," he is either wilfully lying or grossly ignorant. He is letting the shadow of Sewall's name on an electoral ticket, show him sitting in heathen darkness.

While this subject is up we would like to go on record as calling in question the Populism of the gentleman from Georgia. He is not a Populist but an ardent, devoted, consistent, hard working WATSONITE.

Time was when he did teach by his paper and on the stump the principles of the People's Party but if there has been anything in his talks, or his paper during the last year but WATSON it has escaped our notice. But stop, we are wrong—there has been something else, abuse of the most disgusting sort, of every man whose course did not happen to please him. Not Populism but Watsonism is his test for party fealty.

**Wide vs. Narrow Corn Rows.**  
 Farmers in this vicinity frequently plant their corn, for one stalk in a hill, four feet each way, thus giving an average of about sixteen square feet for each stalk of corn. Thus arranged, counting 100 stalks for a bushel of corn, an acre will produce a little over 27 bushels.

Now if the rows be eight feet apart and the stalks one foot apart in the drill we will have a stalk for every eight square feet. Consequently there will be double the number of stalks with the capacity for over 54 bushels per acre.

It has heretofore been shown that corn, planted in drills three feet apart and seven inches in drill on land that was heavily fertilized and thoroughly broken to sixteen inches deep, eared well producing 149 bushels and two quarts per acre. There was a stalk here for every 12 square feet (not feet square). At this rate an acre will contain over four and a half times as many stalks as the 8 feet rows. Consequently corn should never be so planted as to contain more than 8 square feet for each stalk of corn. As the land becomes richer the distance in the drill may be reduced to 6 inches, thus raising the capacity of an acre to 108 bushels.

An important advantage of the 8 feet rows is that at least three times the quantity of loose earth can be prepared for each stalk of corn that can be if the same number of stalks be planted in 4 feet rows. A strip from two to three feet midway between the wide rows may be ploughed deep at every ploughing, thus affording a much needed protection against drought. Consequently, other things being equal, the wide rows will produce more corn than is possible with the narrow rows.

**BABIES**  
 are subject to peculiar ills. The right remedy for babies' ills—especially worms and stomach disorders—is  
**Frey's Vermifuge**  
 has cured children for 50 years. Send for illustrated book about the ills and the remedy. The bottle mailed for 5 cents.  
 E. & S. FREY, Baltimore, Md.

Another important advantage is that peas can be drilled and cultivated, there being alternately a row of corn and a row of peas, which will reduce the rows to four feet.

If the crop be planted early in the season and the peas not later than the 10th of June they will, at most, be in each other's way but very little and consequently very nearly, or quite a full crop of each can be grown. In the fall proper measures should be adopted for turning under the corn stalks and pea vines.

The corn of course will have to be properly fertilized. All of the available stable manure on the farm should be utilized for this purpose. It must be remembered though that stable manure while an excellent fertilizer is not properly balanced. By this means the 3 essential fertilizer ingredients, Nitrogen, Phosphoric Acid and potash are not present in the proper proportions; there is too much Nitrogen as compared with Phos. Acid and potash. This, however, can be remedied so as to make a splendid fertilizer by applying in addition to the stable manure about 300 lbs Acid Phosphate and 300 lbs. Kainit to the acre. Another point to be mentioned in this connection is that stable manures when not properly taken care of become heated and during the process of fermentation the ammonia escapes in the form of gas, which of course greatly lessens the value of the pile. This escape of the ammonia can be prevented by sprinkling Kainit over the heap. The idea would be to get about 2 or 3 lbs. of Kainit for the manure of each grown horse or cow per day. In this way the ammonia is saved and the value of the manure heap enhanced by reason of the potash added in the Kainit.

The improvement of the soil should be the objective point of the farmer. No farming amounts to anything unless each succeeding crop leaves the land in better condition than it found it. Kainit and Acid Phosphate, added as aforesaid, will increase the value of the manure immensely and consequently the plan can safely be relied on as a basis for FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

**BRYAN TYSON.**  
 Long Leaf, N. C.

**Initiative and Referendum.**  
 It will simplify laws. It will purify the ballot. It will supplant violence. It will broaden manhood. It will control monopoly. It will prevent revolution. It will make people think. It will accelerate progress. It will banish sectionalism. It will simplify government. It will sever party bandage. It will reduce taxation to necessity. It will wipe out plutocratic dictation. It will prevent the bribery of our law makers. It will establish home rule in all municipalities. It will restore to the people their natural rights. It will aid honest representatives in serving the people. It will give us a government by the people and for the people, whose corner stone is equal and exact justice to all—Loyal American.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

**BREEZY BITS BAILED UP FOR BUSY BEINGS.**  
 From The Watchman's Able Corps of News Gatherers—Interesting to Everybody—Read and See

**Faith Items.**  
 The Litaker township Sunday school convention was well attended. A photograph of the people in a group was taken by the Faith picture taker. The officers, elected are: D. A. Wiley, president; J. L. Peeler, vice-president; Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, secretary, and A. M. Safford, treasurer.

J. T. Wyatt is filling an order for a carload of granite curbing.

George Fisher is hauling pink granite with his four-horse team loading cars for the big mansion at Durham, N. C.

Tom Artz returned from Morantown last week where he had been doing some granite work.

Henry Hess returned from Lenoir where he had been engaged in granite work.

Calvin Peeler is visiting relatives in Faith.

Several people take the WATCHMAN at this postoffice.

We have just had another good rain and our crops are looking fine.

**Crescent Items.**  
 Plenty of rain at Crescent and the surrounding country. Considerable storm here last Thursday.

The Gold Hill township Sunday school convention met at Bethany Reformed church on last Saturday. It was a very interesting time especially on the two questions, viz.: Resolved: that the conventions are essential to the success of the Sunday school, and Is it the moral obligation of the schools to support the State work? Reports from the different schools were very encouraging. The music was very appropriate and was furnished by the Organ Church, Bethany and Lower Stone choirs. The convention adjourned to meet at Gold Hill on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1898.

The number of students of Crescent is still increasing every week. Among our late students we find: Messrs. Leutz Slough, of Eli; J. A. Heilig, of Yost; J. A. Morrow, of Amity; John Kesler, of Garfield; H. W. Barshardt, of Concord; Lee Mensemer, of Salisbury; Misses Daisy Sunrow, of New London; Tessie Beaver, of Eli; Maggie and Lottie Kesler, of Garfield. The number of students has nearly doubled since the opening of the school. But still Crescent must increase.

Maxwell Holshouser is buying lumber and material to build a store house near Crescent which we understand will be begun soon.

Dr. McNairy has completed his well on his lot near Crescent, and will at an early date erect a dwelling.

Rufus Fisher was up this week working on his lot near Crescent, on which he will erect a dwelling soon.

**COME AGAIN.**  
 August 6, '97.

**Garfield Items.**  
 Get ready, and take in the ice cream supper next Saturday night for the season is fast passing away. (Mock).

The crops in this neighborhood are looking well, although the recent rains have spoiled a good many nubbins, only to make a large ear.

When the holidays come the farmers on the street have a lively time buying, selling and trading horses.

A protracted meeting is in progress at St. Matthews church this week. The writer attended last night and heard an excellent sermon. May much good be done.

before. We refer to the article headed "A Democratic Magistrate Disrobed." We think the editor of the WATCHMAN had just cause for giving publicity to such an article. It seems that the present editor of the WATCHMAN is about the only one who has taken enough interest in his readers to keep them thoroughly posted on matters that concern the public. We approve heartily of the editor's course and we bespeak for him the solid support of the Alliance and Populist party of Rowan county. The WATCHMAN should be in the hands of every self-respecting citizen of the county. It is brimfull of good reading matter every week. It is the only paper in the county published in the interest of the common people. Let us all rally to the support of the WATCHMAN.  
 WILSON.

**Cleveland Pick-Ups.**  
 Charlie Brown, our popular young miller, is confined to his bed with lung trouble.

Miss Gussie Knox gave her class of Sunday school children an ice cream supper Thursday night, and it was very much enjoyed by them.

J. A. Nalle entertained a number of his former neighbors Saturday evening by giving an ice cream supper. The merry crowd was composed principally of married folks, but quite a number of young people were present. The evening was most pleasantly spent and will long be remembered by those present.

Rev. S. S. Bost began a series of meetings Monday night, at Christ church which will continue through this week.

Rev. Arrowood is conducting a meeting at Third Creek church this week. We trust much good is being accomplished.

R. B. Haines will move to our little village soon for the purpose of sending his children to school. We extend the right of welcome to Mr. Haines.

The editor's editorial in last week's WATCHMAN "A Democratic Magistrate Disrobed" was well received by the people of this community, regardless of party.

The school committee of District No. 6, Cleveland township, met Saturday, the 7th, and organized by electing J. J. Kincaid, Chairman and J. T. Barber, Secretary. It was agreed to meet again on the first Saturday after the first Monday in September for the purpose of securing teachers for the different districts in said township.

**South Rowan.**  
 Carson Fisher and family were visiting at H. A. Holshouser's Saturday night.

Miss Jennie McNairy was visiting at Rev. McNairy's Saturday night.

John H. Fisher has been very sick for the past week but is much better at this writing.

There will be no preaching at Lower Stone on the 3rd Sunday. The pastor will assist Rev. Holshouser in a meeting.

Glad to know J. A. Morrow, of Amity, has entered school at Crescent.

Miss Mattie Fisher went out to St. John's last Saturday.

Rufus Fisher is busily preparing to build at Crescent.

Carson Fisher lost a fine hog last week.

Mrs. Rufus Fisher and daughter, Mrs. John Holshouser, will leave Saturday for Hickory, where they will visit Mrs. Fisher's sister.

John Brown is talking of taking a visit to the mountains next week.

Mike Rinehardt will move on Mrs. Jane Fisher's farm. He will run a blacksmith shop in connection with the farm.

Success to the WATCHMAN.  
 SOLOMON.

**GOLD, GOLD, GOLD!**

The richest gold strike the world has ever known was made in Alaska last August and the news has just reached this country. When the news spread there was a regular stampede for the gold fields. Those miners who reached there first struck it rich, and one man cleared \$175,000 in a few weeks, picking up one nugget worth \$257. These men were very fortunate, and made their money easily. Most of us are less fortunate and make fortunes only by hard work and close economy. Use economy in buying and buy your goods where the prices are most reasonable.

**LOOK AT THESE PRICES AND SEE IF THEY ARE REASONABLE:**

5c Lawns	at 3 1/2c	25c Organdie	at 15c
7 1/2c and 10c Lawns	at 5c	29c Organdie	at 22c
12 1/2c Lawns	at 7 1/2c	15c Wool Challie	at 7 1/2c
12 1/2c and 15c Lawns	at 10c	5c Gingham	at 5c

**OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN.**

Choice of a 85, 75 or 65c shirt waist for 50c; a 25c belt for 10c. You can make a little money feel big here.

One job lot of pants at 25c a pair. Cotton jeans pants at 29c; 50c Bull-dog pants at 40c. 25 per cent. discount on all our extra pants and clothing.

**WE SELL TO SELL AGAIN.**

100c straw hats at 40c; 75c at 50c; 81 at 75. Children's slippers and ties for less than it costs to make them. Bargain in ladies' shoes and men's shoes. Save your money and you can get rich without going Alaska. Begin now by trading at the

**CAROLINA RACKET, REID & HARRY.**

**Miranda Items.**  
 Crops are looking fine.

This is the season for picnics. Quite a number of our people attended the picnics at Mooresville this week and last.

Miss Annie Burkhead, of Concord, is visiting Miss Ella Graham.

John Sloop, of Statesville, is visiting his father, D. A. Sloop.

Ed. Shullbinger, one of the Carolina Racket's clever clerks, is at home for a week's vacation.

Miss Minnie Lee Bain, of Greensboro, is visiting Miss Annie Harrison.

Mrs. D. P. Keover and children and Miss Sadie Dunham, who have been visiting at W. D. Graham's, returned to Salisbury Saturday.

**Education and Wages.**  
 We find in the New York World an extremely interesting, and, in this State at the present moment, pertinent summary of the report of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

From this it appears that tariffs have little or nothing to do with the wages. The bureau found greater differences in wages in like trades in this country than between the wages of the workers of the United States and England in the same occupations. In other words, our mechanics and laborers' incomes are both lower and higher than those of men in the same trades abroad.

A more significant fact is that Massachusetts workmen receive the highest wages paid in this country. What is the cause of this? The World says:

"The statistics of education undoubtedly furnish the chief clue. They show that Massachusetts gives each of her inhabitants seven years' schooling of two hundred days each, while the average for the United States is four and three-tenths years of two hundred days each."

"Further, while the average wealth-producing power of each man, woman and child in the United States is 40 cents a day, the average wealth-producing power for each man, woman and child in Massachusetts is 73 cents a day—nearly double."

The lesson seems plain. The uneducated workmen are at a disadvantage. Illiteracy is costly.

**Southern Railway**  
 The Great Scenic Route  
 TO AND FROM  
**TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION!**  
 May 1st to October 30th.

Through the Beautiful Mountains of Western North Carolina and Tennessee.

**Fare for the Round Trip:**

FROM	A.	B.	C.	E.	G.
Goldboro, N. C.	\$26.25	\$19.25	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
Selma, N. C.	26.25	19.25	14.00	14.00	14.00
Raleigh, N. C.	27.00	19.99	14.40	14.40	14.40
Durham, N. C.	26.25	19.25	14.00	13.25	13.25
Greensboro, N. C.	26.25	19.25	14.00	11.90	11.90
Winston-Salem, N. C.	26.25	19.25	11.90	11.90	11.90
Wilkesboro, N. C.	26.25	22.35	13.35	13.35	13.35
Danville, Va.	26.25	19.25	14.00	12.20	12.20
Salisbury, N. C.	24.00	18.00	12.90	10.90	10.90
Charlotte, N. C.	24.00	18.00	12.75	10.75	10.75
Hickory, N. C.	12.20	10.30	11.75	9.75	9.75
Asheville, N. C.	18.35	13.30	9.70	8.65	8.65
Hot Springs, N. C.	16.30	11.95	8.70	7.30	7.30

**Tickets at Proportionate Rates on Sale From all Stations.**  
 Column A: On sale April 24th and daily on and after April 28th, 1897, until and including October 15th final limit November 7th, 1897.  
 Column B: On sale daily on and after April 24th, until and including October 15th, final limit 29 days in addition to date of sale.  
 Column C: Tickets on sale Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week beginning April 29th and until and including October 26th, 1897. Final limit 10 days in addition to date of sale.  
 Column D: Rates in this column apply to Military Companies and brass bands accompanying same moving in bodies of 25 or more on solid tickets, to be sold daily beginning April 29th, and until and including October 26th, 1897, final limit 10 days in addition to date of sale.  
 Column E: Rates in this column apply to bona fide students and their teachers in parties of 25 or more on one ticket, upon written application of principals of colleges, schools and universities, to be sold September 15th to October 25th, 1897, inclusive, final limit ten days in addition to date of sale.

J. M. GULP,  
 Traffic Manager.

W. A. TURK,  
 Traffic Manager.