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The welfare of this great nation depends upon the products produced by the farmer's labor.

It does not seem worth the while for the reform Republicans of Pennsylvania to make a fight on Quay if they are going to take up John Wannamaker.

It becomes more and more apparent as the years roll by that the salvation of the farmers is diversified crops. But there should be some organization by which markets could be had for their produce.

It is difficult to overstate the damage done the South by its own newspapers, or rather by some of them, in the persistency with which everything detrimental to the good name of this section is heralded abroad. It has sometimes looked as though there was a great conspiracy with wide ramifications bent on exaggerating every event calculated to reflect on the business, the moral or the social interests of the South.

Matters of local concern, which, if they happened in the North or West would never be heard of ten miles from where they occurred, are telegraphed to every part of the country. A crossroads fight of a few drunken rowdies is thought to be of such interest as to justify its being telegraphed all over creation. In other sections no one would ever think of sending such an item to outside papers, and the local papers would give it but scant notice. In the West the failure of some once-promising scheme is never heard of beyond the narrow confines of those directly interested. The press and the people there are too busy seeking to advance the material interests of their section, and even if they were not, they are too wise to herald to the world with a great flourish every infringement of the law of every business failure.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

BREEZY BITS BAILED UP FOR BUSY BEINGS.

From The Watchman's Able Corps of News Gatherers. Interesting to Everybody. Read and See.

Cleveland Pick-Ups.

Eddie W. Barber left Wednesday evening for Greensboro, where he will reside in the future, he having accepted a position with the Odell Hardware Company.

Miss Maggie Cowan, of Chestnut Hill, is visiting friends near this place.

Horace Hargrave, Paul Gilbert, and a Mr. Sheppard were pleasant visitors in our little burg the past week.

Roseboro & Kincaid filled three large ice houses during the last cold spell.

Capt. Sumner with a force of hands are busily engaged putting in the switches and laying the tracks of the Y of the new railroad.

County Surveyor Miller was in the community doing some work the past week.

W. A. Lucky's handsome new house is nearing completion. Mr. Lucky thinks he will be able to move in it the last of this month.

Prof. Garrison resumed his school Monday after a suspension of three weeks, the measles having somewhat subsided.

The health of the community, leaving off the recent measles epidemic, has been remarkably good for the last twelve months.

Willie Naile, son of Charlie Naile, was very sick a few days last week, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Graham, of Manning, spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. D. C. Barber.

Died February 13th, near this place, at an advanced age, Uncle Jim Barber, col. Uncle Jim was a faithful servant of J. F. Barber and since he received his freedom he has lived an upright life. For the last few years of his life he was unable to work, but was kept up by W. A. Barber. JOHN.

Faith Items.

Rev. J. N. Stallings, of Salisbury, preached to a large congregation here Sunday. His next appointment is Saturday evening before the fourth Sunday at 7:30 and the fourth Sunday at 11 a. m.

Faith now has the telephone to Salisbury. Dr. McNairy is having it put into his office.

There are several happy families living on the granite belt. One is the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie. Their oldest son is going to school at Roanoke college—the little ones to school at Faith. Mrs. Ritchie and her daughters can't be beaten making good light bread; the writer has just tested it, and the girls played several good pieces for us on the organ.

The scholars at the Faith free school are practicing for a big exhibition at the close of the school.

Mr. P. A. Ritchie and wife, of Zeb, were down to visit his son James, recently. He had not been down before in several years.

We understand that B. A. Fesperman has received an order for one hundred car loads of granite. Our granite is in great demand. J. T. Wyatt is having granite hauled on the public square in Salisbury to be used to make cross walks at the four crossings near the fountain. He is also furnishing some fine granite window sills and caps to John Wilks at Charlotte.

Manning News.

Rev. Trexler preached a good sermon Sunday. All that missed it missed something good.

There was singing at Ed Sifford's Saturday night, but the crowd was small.

Mack Peeler and Miss Maggie Wise went to Ebenezer Sunday. It is expected that they will soon pull in double harness.

James Pinkston, of Manning, has gone to Burlington to work in the factory.

The weather is fine and the farmers are plowing in a hurry.

Sticky Sifford, of Manning, has bought a bicycle and is expecting it soon.

Farmers are busy breaking corn land and sowing oats. This is fine weather for plowing.

There were four choppings last week, all in site of Manning.

There was a musical entertainment at Rev. H. A. Trexler's last Wednesday night.

There was a birthday dinner at Aunt Nancy Klutz's last Friday. It was the pleasure of the writer to be present on that occasion. There were just thirty-five who ate dinner on that day. There was a nice table set with plenty of dinner; ham, chicken, custards, pies, cake, etc., in abundance. Aunt Nancy is now past her three score and ten and is well and hearty. Oh, how many will live to obtain that age.

Next Wednesday is the day set to meet at Salem church with wagons and teams, shovels and picks to haul dirt in front of the church, and to plow up the avenue, set it out in grass. All come. In August, 1900, there will be a semi-centennial at Salem. At that time the organization will be fifty years old.

Success to the WATCHMAN. JACK.

Gold Knob Items.

Our school will close March 4th. Some arrangements are being made to have a picnic at Andrew Barrier's on Saturday, the 5th.

A little ten-year-old son of Lawson Troutman became in possession of a bottle of his father's powder, and not knowing the danger of it went to the fire and began to pour it in, when the bottle exploded, lacerating his hand and arm very seriously. Also a piece of the glass struck him about his face effecting an ugly wound. It is not thought that the wounds will prove serious, but in all probability the boy is crippled for life. Powder should be kept out of reach of children.

The peace of our community was disturbed on last Sunday by fire getting out on the farm of Mrs. Lentz. Charles Misenheimer is living on it, but had gone to church leaving several small children at home, and it is thought that one of the little boys was playing with matches in the broom sege.

Mrs. P. S. Stewart, of Davie county, spent last week visiting her brother and sisters near Hatter Shop.

Farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather by sowing oats and preparing for corn planting next month, provided winter does not break in on them again and put them out of the notion.

A FARMER'S BOY.

Stone Quarry News.

J. D. A. Fisher is working a large number of hands on John W. Frick's quarry.

There has been something going around here fighting and killing the cats and we can't find no name for it. It has been seen by several persons and they cannot tell what it is.

William Garner is doing a great deal of work on the J. W. Frick quarry.

Sunnyside Items.

Rev. Monroe, of Concord, preached an interesting sermon Sunday at New Bethpage.

Jim Poteet, of Manning, is visiting relatives and friends here.

T. Lee Overcash and wife visited his uncle, J. A. Riley, near China Grove, a few days ago.

F. R. Craven is erecting a new barn.

J. R. Alexander will leave in a few days for Texas.

The farmers are well up with their work.

C. R. Hall, who had erysipelas, in his arm, is out again.

Wheat in this section is looking well.

Cy Archie is growing weaker. His life is almost despaired of.

PONEY BILL.

An Enjoyable Party.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season occurred at the residence of Mr. Geo. M. Fisher, near Organ Church, on Friday, February 11th, '98.

It was a surprise party arranged by the children of Mrs. Fisher, in commemoration of her sixty-second birthday.

Geo. M. Fisher was born March 16th, 1831. Amy Klutz was born February 11th, 1836. When he was twenty-two, and she was seventeen that is June 2nd, 1853, they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by old Father Rothrock, for so many years pastor of Organ church. To them have been born eleven children, thirty-six grand-children and one great-grand child, who, together with friends and relatives, numbering sixty or more, came this day to do honor to the dear old mother. Conspicuous in the company was old Moses Klutz, now nearly eighty-four, and the oldest man in the community.

Rev. M. L. Hedrick, of the German Reform church, and pastor of Mr. Fisher, and Rev. Geo. H. Cox, of Organ E. L. church, and pastor of Mrs. Fisher, were present and conducted suitable exercises.

A bountiful repast of good things was prepared and spread upon a long table, set in the yard, and was heartily partaken of by all present. Then gifts too numerous to mention were presented, things both useful and ornamental, as tokens of love. Then followed music and social joys until the fast sinking sun warned us it was time to part. With good wishes and congratulations we bade the loved and loving couple good-bye, thankful to have been present at so delightful a gathering.

GEO. H. COX.

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INCENDIARY CAUGHT.

A Negro Girl Set Fire to Charlie Bernhardt's Home—Taken and Locked Up.

Captain Pace and Officer Eagle succeeded Monday afternoon in unravelling the mystery surrounding the destruction by fire of Charles Bernhardt's home last Saturday night. The general opinion at first was that the fire had originated from within the house by a falling coal. Mess. Pace and Eagle went to work on a different line, however, and Monday arrested Mary Alexander, a negro girl about sixteen years old, charged with burning the house.

The clue that led the officers to become convinced of the girl's guilt was that a number of articles of apparel belonging to Bernhardt's daughter were found in the Alexander girl's possession. It is reasoned that she stole the articles while Bernhardt and his daughter were away from home and set fire to the building to cover up her guilt.

The girl was locked up and her trial set for two o'clock Tuesday afternoon before Mayor Linn.

Promptly at the appointed time the amazon damsel was carried before Mayor Linn for trial. Charles Bernhart, Dora Bernhart, Isom Davis, Sandy Montgomery, John Neil, John Washington and Nora Lord testified and Mayor Linn, deeming it justifiable, committed the girl to jail without bail.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Rowan county. Monthly \$65.00, expenses, position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. W., Chicago.

South Rowan Dots.

The boys at Oak Grove Academy have organized a base ball club. They will play next Saturday.

The school at Oak Grove is moving along nicely with Miss Mattie Fisher teacher.

Miss Mattie J. Fisher, of our burg, went to Crescent Friday evening.

Fire broke out Friday on Bickley Rinelhardt's place, but no damage was done.

Mrs. Morgan Dead.

Mrs. Riley Morgan, aged thirty-nine years, died last Thursday afternoon about four o'clock at her home near Lentz, Mrs. Morgan had been sick on y a few days. She leaves a husband and six children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Her remains were interred in the Grace church cemetery Friday afternoon.

Playing Cards on Sunday.

Yesterday morning about 2:30 Officers. Cauble and Eagle surprised and captured a half dozen colored men who were playing cards. The game was going on in a house on Cemetery street opposite the Salisbury cemetery. The officers captured no money, but the men were held for playing cards on Sunday. Five of them put up \$5 each as bond and were turned out and the sixth was held for trial this afternoon.—Monday's Sun.

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For the red stamp near your name on this paper. It means that your subscription has expired and unless you renew you need not expect a continuance of the WATCHMAN.

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To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This will certify that I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. R. M. Peeler, sole proprietor of the Home View Company, Peeler, Rowan county, N. C., for quite a number of years. I am and have been his pastor for nearly four years, and know him to be a gentleman of the highest Christian character and entirely reliable. He has done a considerable amount of work for myself and family, which compares favorably with the work of the best artists and at greatly reduced prices. Yours respectfully, Rev. C. A. BROWN. Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 6th, '97.

To WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN: I have known Mr. Richard Peeler, of the Home View Company, for quite a number of years, and know him to be a Christian gentleman, and that whatever he promises he will do. As for his work, he has done quite a good deal for me, all of which has been satisfactory. I have had metal cuts made from photos taken by him. His portrait and crayon work will compare favorably with that of the best artists, and his prices way down. REV. J. M. L. LYERLY, PRINCIPAL, Crescent Academy and Business Institute. Faith, N. C., Sept. 20th, 1897.

ART STUDIO OF The Home View Company. Richard Peeler, Proprietor, Peeler, N. C.