

DISSOLUTION.

The firm of J. M. Peeler & Co., of Woodside, has this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Fresh Garden Seeds

Just received in bulk. All the different kinds of garden seeds which I will sell in small or large quantities at Ennis' Drug Store.

You Can Save Money.

A big cut in prices of prescriptions. Call and see the difference at Ennis' Drug Store.

Vaccine Points.

Fresh vaccine virus points to prevent smallpox, 10c each at Ennis' Drug Store.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Map of Busy Life--COWPER.

See change in the Home View Co.'s ad on another page.

Cotton brought 5.90 Saturday. It is thought by some that it will yet reach eight cents.

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Court convenes Monday. Don't forget to come in and subscribe for the WATCHMAN and pay up your back dues.

There are several cases of scarlet fever in Salisbury. The houses in which the patients reside are all quarantined.

A revival meeting is in progress at the Baptist church in this city. Rev. Thomas Needham, of Philadelphia, is conducting the meetings.

Mr. Moss L. Ream, whose foot was badly hurt a week or so ago by a barrel falling on it, is recovering. However, he is still using crutches.

Rowan County Farmers' Alliance will meet in called session Friday, 25th, 1898, at Faith. See "Special Notice" elsewhere in this paper.

Rev. W. H. Stubblebine delivered his lecture on "Greenland's Ice Mountains" in Statesville Friday. He realized quite a snug sum. It will go toward the liquidation of the debt on the German Reformed church in this city.

A mail dog created quite a sensation Monday morning at Albert Harrison's house about five miles west of Salisbury. The vicious animal bit two dogs belonging to Mr. Harrison, and then severely bit a cow belonging to Clint Kepley. The dog has since made his escape.

The long contemplated repairs in the post-office have been made. The top of the interior just above the boxes has been torn away and a new arrangement of the boxes has been effected. By this new arrangement the number of boxes will be increased and the appearance of the office much improved.

It is possible that a new building may be erected here for the Colored State Normal School, which is conducted here in the Dixonville Baptist church. Mr. J. B. Henderson offered the trustees of the school land at very reasonable rates, and offers to make a donation of \$100 towards the erection of the building. The school has over 150 pupils, and its present facilities are inadequate.

The man who thinks a newspaper should be made up exclusively of reading matter suited to his peculiar whims and prejudices, is pretty hard to please. He forgets that there are others interested in subjects which he deems unobnoxious. All kinds of people read newspapers, and there must be variety in the kinds of news published. We do not try to please such a man; the newspaper man who undertakes it is a fool.

St. Valentine's Day has come and gone. He came unheralded and is already forgotten. Many did not remember that he was here, with his fan and mischief and Cupid's arrows; and St. Valentine is losing ground; he is not what he used to be, not to us what he was to our grandmothers and grandfathers. That we have ceased to fall in adoration before his shrine may be good for us, but we doubt it; life is filled enough with dull cares it best, and continual and progressive pruning of the fun and frolic will eventually make it unbearable; we cannot dwell always in an air of business, of sluggish responsibility; it cannot last three hundred and sixty-five days out of every year in the three score and ten, or we cease to be human. Give us back St. Valentine, the patron saint of fun and good nature, and Cupid's right hand.

JUST ABOUT FOLKS.

SIDE GLANCES FOR PASTIMERS.

In the Whirlwind of Moving Humanity--The Coming and Going of Some You Know and Some You Don't Know.

H. J. Freeze, of Russell, was in the city Friday.

C. A. Sloop, of Miranda, was in town Friday.

J. T. Wyatt, of Faith, paid us a visit Monday.

George B. Kesler, of Craven, was in town Saturday.

L. W. Lingle, of Manning, was in town Saturday.

U. M. Pless, of Lentz, was in Salisbury, Saturday.

W. E. Brady, of Gold Hill, was in the city Saturday.

Solomon Morgan, of Craven, was in the city Saturday.

R. L. Blackwelder, of Lentz, was in to see us Saturday.

J. A. Holshouser, of Rockwell, was in Salisbury Friday.

A. Nesbet, of near Salisbury, came in to see us Tuesday.

Dr. C. B. McNairy, of Faith, was in the city Saturday.

Edmund Sifford, of Manning, was in the city Saturday.

P. A. Klutz, of Faith, paid us a pleasant visit Friday.

Daniel Harkey, of Verble, paid us a pleasant visit Tuesday.

W. S. Christie, of Harts, was a pleasant visitor Tuesday.

H. N. Goodnight, of Lentz, paid us a pleasant visit Saturday.

Our old friend, C. L. Brown, of Ell, called to see us Thursday.

John Harkey, of Manning, was a caller at our office Tuesday.

A. W. Miller, of Faith, was a pleasant caller at our office Saturday.

P. C. Holshouser, of Faith, called Wednesday and subscribed for the WATCHMAN.

S. L. Lowrance, of Harts, called Tuesday and subscribed for the WATCHMAN.

David T. Peeler, of Peeler, came in Friday to renew his subscription to the WATCHMAN.

Our old friend, L. G. Holshouser, of Rockwell, was a pleasant visitor at our office Friday.

J. O. Houston, of Bear Poplar, called at our office Friday and subscribed for the WATCHMAN.

Louis Smith, of China Grove, called Saturday and renewed his subscription to the WATCHMAN.

Mrs. C. L. Deiver, of Organ Church, came in Tuesday to renew her subscription to the WATCHMAN.

W. J. Reed, manager of the Third Creek Roller Mill, at Woodleaf, paid us a pleasant visit Thursday.

Vance B. Miller, of Organ Church, called Saturday and renewed his subscription to the WATCHMAN.

J. N. Alfred, of Cedar Falls, Randolph county, gave his subscription to our agent, A. B. Carter, Friday.

J. C. Peeler, of Peeler, called on us Friday. Mr. Peeler came in to renew his subscription to the WATCHMAN.

J. N. Himer, of Faith, who called week before last for a sample copy of the WATCHMAN, came in Saturday and gave us his subscription. A sample copy always does the work.

J. R. Brown, of High Point, came over Friday and went out to Woodside to visit his father, Rev. R. L. Brown. He called to see us while in the city and ordered the WATCHMAN continued to his address.

Church Robbed.

Reformation Church, in Davie county, was robbed on the night of the 8th inst. by some party by digging under the corner stone, which was laid about twenty-five years ago, containing some coins and one paper bill United States Treasury money; also a Confederate bill and State bill, a Bible, hymn book and the Lutheran Visitor. The Bible and hymn book were left there, scattered about much decayed and in pieces.

No Cure--No Pay.

That is the way all druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic for chills and malaria. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter nauseating tonics. Price 50c. 11-5-06-ly.

An Infant's Sudden Death.

Mr. David T. Peeler, of Peeler, who was in to see us Friday, tells us of the sudden death of an infant in his neighborhood. It was the six-week-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. Monroe Goodman. The little one, Mr. Peeler says, was apparently in good health Wednesday, but some time during the night it suddenly expired. The body of the child was buried Thursday. Our sympathy goes out to the parents.

Extension of the Telephone.

Mr. C. B. McNairy is having his residence near Faith connected with the telephone system. By this connection Dr. McNairy will have telephone facilities with all the cities between Faith and Charlotte. The system is being gradually extended.

LEASE QUESTION AGAIN.

HEARD IN THE COURT HOUSE FRIDAY.

The Examination of Witnesses Before Special Master Kerr Craig--The Southern Was Ready for Business.

The last hearing in the noted lease suit of the North Carolina Railroad was held Friday before Special Master Kerr Craig.

The attorneys present were: A. C. Avery and W. C. Douglass, counsel for the Governor, the plaintiff was represented by Fairfax Harrison, solicitor for the Southern Railway at Washington, F. A. Busbee, of Raleigh, and Charles Price, the Southern's division counsel. At 11:30 Mr. Craig announced that the court was ready for business. Mr. Fairfax Harrison arose to make a few remarks before the taking of the testimony. He said that the Southern Railway was present with the witnesses whom the defendant desired, and was ready for the bottom and this, although the subpoenas served on the witnesses, were not the proper legal papers.

Judge Avery said that although there was no obligation on the witnesses to attend, Samuel Spencer, President of the Southern, had promised that the papers desired would be produced. H. C. Ansley, treasurer of the Southern, was asked by Judge Avery what were the gross and net earnings of the Southern for 1885. He said that from his books he did not know.

Mr. Ansley precipitated a discussion between Judge Avery and Mr. Harrison, Judge Avery maintaining that the witness was evading and Mr. Harrison that he knew nothing in regard to the matter asked of him by Judge Avery.

Witness was asked what was the salary of the President of the Southern Railway, and acting under advice of counsel for plaintiff refused to answer. Samuel Spencer, President of the Southern, took the stand. He said that the Southern took charge of the North Carolina Railroad under the ninety-nine-year lease in July, 1894. The gross earnings of the Southern system in the year ending June 30th, 1875, were \$17,939,000; for the same year the gross earnings of the North Carolina Railroad were \$1,225,000 and the net earnings were \$353,411. The gross earnings were from the passenger, freight, mail, express and miscellaneous departments. And the expenses included the cost of maintaining the way and the equipment, conducting of transportation and the general expenses and taxes.

Mr. Spencer said that the cheap rates for the freight tariff on lines in competition with the Southern did not operate to the disadvantage, because the Southern regards the North Carolina Railroad as its own property and protects its interests accordingly. Court adjourned at 1:30 until 3 o'clock.

At the afternoon session the examination of Samuel Spencer, President of the Southern, was resumed. Mr. Spencer gave the gross and net earnings of the Southern for the year ending June 30th, 1894, at which time he was a member for the old Richmond & Danville.

The salaries of all the general officers for the year ending June 30th, 1895, aggregated \$80,414. Mr. Spencer refused, when asked by Judge Avery, to tell the salaries of the different general officers, Mr. Harrison contended that it was a question of personal inquisitiveness and objected to it. After considerable discussion the objection was overruled by Special Master Craig. Mr. Spencer stated that there had been no discrimination against the North Carolina Railroad. After discussing at length the question of salaries of officers and other expenses, Assistant Auditor Figg, of the Southern, testified that the papers of the receivers of the Richmond & Danville were destroyed by fire in Washington.

This concluded the examination of witnesses and the court adjourned. It is probable that Special Master Craig will submit his report to Judge Simonton some time this month and that the matter is now nearing a settlement.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets--beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Rapidly Improving.

Mr. James Basinger, whose jaw bone was thought to be broken last week, the result of having a tooth extracted by an amateur, is doing very well now and thus far he has not found it necessary to come to Salisbury.

NEURALGIA CURED BY DR. MILLER'S PAIN PILLS.

"One cent a dose." At all druggists.

SMALL-POX SCARE.

A Ripple of Excitement in Salisbury Over Reports Circulated.

There was a high degree of excitement here Saturday morning when it was announced that a party fresh from the seat of small-pox was in Salisbury and that a case had broken out in the vicinity where he had been a few hours before.

The facts in the case were that the darkey who is confined to the pest house in Charlotte was working with the railroad force fourteen miles west of Salisbury a few days before he was stricken. The morning he left he had a high fever and the eruptions had already begun to make their appearance on his face. As soon as it was discovered that he had the small-pox there was a general panic in the camp. Saturday morning the blacksmith from this camp came to Salisbury and asked permission of Mr. P. W. Brown to make a change of clothes in the rear of his saloon. Mr. Brown shortly after related the incident to an officer and when it came to Mayor W. W. McKenzie and J. S. Brown, the officers, he could not be located, however, as he had probably gotten wind of the mayor's order and skipped town.

Sunday morning Dr. John Whitehead, superintendent of the board of health, accompanied by Drs. W. W. McKenzie and J. S. Brown, Messrs. Eagle and Robert Monroe and Mr. W. L. Klutz went up to the camp. Only one sick man was found in the camp and he had a slight fever. Dr. Whitehead, assisted by the other physicians named above, vaccinated about forty of the laborers before they left, which was a large proportion of the number working at this camp. Some of the darkeys were obstreperous and would not suffer themselves to be vaccinated, but the vast majority of the officers was potent and induced all present to come forward and submit. Dr. Whitehead does not think that there is any immediate danger of an outbreak of this epidemic in that vicinity. Our people have become so thoroughly alarmed, however, at the near approach of the small-pox that vaccination has now become more general than during compulsory, and a large number have been vaccinated and it is probable that the total will run up in the thousands by the latter part of the week.

The medical supervision of the camp near Cleveland has been left in the hands of Dr. George Brown, of Bear Poplar and Dr. E. M. Summrell, of Mill Bridge.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Will Meet Here on the 19th Inst.--Important Meeting.

The next meeting of Rowan County Teachers' Association will be held at the Graded School building on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 10 a. m. The following is the programme:

- 1. Object of the Association--R. G. Kizer.
2. Duties of each member to the association--L. H. Rothrock.
General discussion.
3. Importance of Orthography and Etymology--F. B. Brown.
General discussion.
4. Aids to Discipline--J. M. L. Lively.
General discussion.
All public school teachers in the county are expected to join the association, and teachers of private schools and all others interested in education are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old household remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

A Big Fire.

F. W. Bost, of China Grove, who was in town Tuesday, says that a big forest fire was raging near Mr. Owens' near Sumner's Siding, Monday afternoon. A large quantity of timber was destroyed and it was feared that Mr. Owens' hay would also be burned.

Special Notice.

Rowan County Alliance will meet in call session at Faith with Frick Sub on Friday, the 25th of February, 1898. The delegates to the January meeting are still the representatives. Shoes and guanos are some of the principle things for consideration. By order of the president, C. L. BROWN, R. L. BROWN, Sec'y.

Pain-Killer advertisement with text: 'This is a true statement and it can't be made too strong or too emphatic. It is a simple, safe and quick cure for Cramps, Cough, Rheumatism, Cold, Neuralgia, Diarrhea, Croup, Toothache. TWO SIZES, 25c. and 50c.'

THE LEAF BUD.

WRITTEN FOR THE WATCHMAN. I am sleeping, sweetly sleeping, On the limb up in the tree, And am waiting, only waiting, Till warm spring returns to me. Then I'll smile upon some maiden, Who perchance awhile may stay, 'Neath me for refreshing breezes, As she plods her homeward way. And you'll hear me sidly sighing, For the day is drawing nigh; I shall don the coat of yellow In the distant by and by. When the spring again is nearing, But I shall follow bud once more; Winds shall spread its leaves around us, Pass away and be no more. But some woodsman cruel, cruel, Too, shall lay me low some day, Or some forest storm may blast me, For I cannot always stay. Are not mankind's generations, Buds that grow and bloom and die? Though unlike the tiny leaf buds, They may bloom beyond the sky. L. W. S.

Teachers' Meeting.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the programme of the County Teachers Association for the meeting on Saturday. To a live, energetic teacher it requires no argument to show the importance of or necessity for these meetings. It is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of the majority of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Brown's Iron Bitters. The many remarkable cures effected by this famous old household remedy are sufficient to prove that the theory is correct. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

His Lawyers Still With Him.

Mr. M. M. Ritchie, of Richfield, who has a suit against him in the term of court which opens here the 21st, was in the city Monday. Mr. Ritchie says that the report that his lawyers had withdrawn from his service on account of some indiscretion on his part, was erroneous. He says he still has his old lawyers--in his employ to defend him.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many rain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or \$1.00. 2500 let and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

DISSOLUTION SALE advertisement for Reid & Harry. Text includes: 'On March 1st, 1898, the firm of Reid & Harry, Proprietors of the CAROLINA RACKET, Will Dissolve. Until that date we will offer our entire stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Tinware, Glassware, and Crockeryware. CUT PRICES! SHOES. 25c shoes at 20c; 50c shoes at 40c; \$1 shoes at 80c; \$1.25 shoes at \$1; \$1.50 shoes at \$1.20; \$2 shoes at \$1.00; \$3 shoes at \$2.40; \$4.75 shoes at \$3.75. CLOTHING. \$1.25 suits for boys at \$1; \$2 suits for boys at \$1.00; \$3.25 suits for boys at \$2.00; \$4.75 suits for men at \$3.75; \$5 suits for men at \$4; \$7.50 suits for men at \$6; \$10 suits for men at \$8; \$12.50 suits for men at \$10. OVERCOATS. \$3.75 overcoats at \$2.75; \$5 overcoats at \$3.50; \$8.50 overcoats at \$6. HATS. 25c hats at 20c; 45c hats at 35c; 75c hats at 60c; \$1 hats at 80c. This is the greatest sale the people of Salisbury and Rowan county have ever seen. Now is your opportunity. Come at once. Yours respectfully, REID & HARRY.'