

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Negro Dies From the Kick of a Horse. Attempted Suicide.

The missionary sale at Bear Creek last Saturday was the most successful one ever held there, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The proceeds amounted to \$170.

John Turner, colored, who was kicked last week by Dr. Walker's horse at Corl & Wadsworth's stables, died Sunday night. Turner was a good negro, and had been working at Corl's stables for many years. He was a splendid hand and well thought of by white people of Concord.

Mayor J. B. Caldwell entertained the city officials to dinner at Hotel Normandy last Tuesday, and the city aldermen and water commissioners to supper.

The operatives in mill No. 3 at the Cannon Manufacturing Co. last week presented J. S. Roberts, overseer, and J. A. Wiley, assistant overseer, each a handsome gold watch chain and charm.

The warehouse in Kansas City, Mo., in which the York Furniture Co. had quite a good deal of furniture stored was burned recently with its contents. The loss was covered by insurance.

In the school district in which Bethel School is located, there are 184 children, 68 males and 71 females. The report of this school for the first month just passed shows that there are 184 on the roll, and an average attendance of 115. This fine attendance is due to the fact that both parents and children are greatly interested in the school, and this is due in a measure that they have an excellent teacher, J. W. B. Long. A number of trees have been set out on the grounds.

Mr. Gip Hatley, a young man about 22 years of age, who lives near Enochville, attempted to take his own life last Tuesday night by swallowing laudanum. He was attended by Dr. J. W. Flow, of Glass, who with some neighbors worked with him nearly all night. It is said that his affairs was the cause of the trouble. The young man was addicted to the use of drugs. He is now getting along all right.

Superior Court will convene on the 29th, Judge Henry R. Bryan, of Newbern, presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holdbrooks, of No. 4, spent holidays in Rowan county with the family of Mrs. Holdbrook's father, Peter Frieze.

Quite a number of the members of Centre Grove Lutheran Church went to China Grove last week to present their pastor, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, with a purse and other things.

John Safrin, who lived on West Depot street, died last Saturday night of consumption. He was 28 years of age, and leaves his wife and three children. He was a son of the late Matthew Safrin.

Rev. Henderson Miller, who for several years has been pastor of the Lutheran church at Middlepoint, O., on January 1st took charge of the First English Lutheran Church of Columbus, O., Dr. Miller was formerly principal of Mount Amena Seminary at Mt. Pleasant.

The Weaver Piano
Today stands in the front rank among the most distinguished high grade pianos made. Guaranteed and sold by G. W. Frix, Salisbury, N. C.

COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY.

Jury Drawn for the Next Court and Other Items.

While the commissioners of many other counties were taking a rest those of old Rowan were at their post and doing business. Among the items that came up for consideration were the following: The report of Mrs. Patterson, superintendent of the county home, was made. She states there are seven inmates six white and one colored.

The committee appointed to look into the possibility of cleaning out Grant creek, reported progress and was continued.

Five applicants for the position of superintendent of the chain gang filed application. The election of a superintendent was postponed until the next meeting.

Allowances amounting to \$58 were made to the out-of-door poor.

It was ordered that a jury be appointed to lay off the road from the Wheeler addition through the McCannless land across to Yost house, assess damages, have survey made and report. A. M. Cruse, J. C. Miller, J. A. Fisher, P. D. Linn and Rufus Rainey were appointed.

The contract for feed and supplies for January was awarded to Klutz & Rendleman.

The following jurors were drawn for the first week: C. M. Bobbitt, A. B. Watson, James M. Davis, Robert Bruce, S. E. Petrea, Julius A. Peeler, W. M. Sloop, J. W. Hammill, Jno. M. Jenkins, J. B. Goodnight, Geo. G. Ritchie, R. A. Lyster, James M. Trexler, C. A. Kesler, Geo. M. Barringer, Alf. E. Beaver, Luther J. Ketner, J. A. Linn, J. W. Harris, J. Wilson Deal, J. M. Bostian, W. G. Ridenhour, R. A. Smith, L. J. Ribelin, W. P. Arey, Walter Burrage, C. M. Lyster, W. B. Summersett, W. T. Burke, M. M. Kirk, R. J. Loflin, L. W. Miller, J. B. Kerns, David W. Morgau, H. Love Goodman, T. C. Taylor. Second week: L. W. Lingle, P. J. Cress, A. L. Lipperd, Jno. L. Link, Jno. A. Locke, W. T. Gardner, J. C. Myers, A. A. Morgan, J. C. Wilhelm, J. A. Rendlemen, J. T. Rabon, C. J. Cruse, D. E. Overcash, Henderson M. Brown, Henry Bufty, Wm. A. Eller, David S. Brown, W. P. Hackett, Chas. F. Piper, J. K. Link, Geo. D. Peeler, Bruner, T. Propst, E. S. Baker, Z. Augustus Klutz.

J. H. Tippet was appointed supervisor for all of Salisbury township, C. M. Cress having refused to serve.

Won't Wear Grandma's Gown.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Miss Alice Roosevelt will not go to New York until the latter part of January, presumably to make some additions to her trousseau, which is already well under way. It can be stated on good authority that she will not wear her grandmother's wedding gown as it has been reported she would. Her bridal robe will be entirely new.

Miss Roosevelt spent the greater part of the morning with Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell, wife of the superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds. Later, she and Mrs. Bromwell took luncheon at the New Willard. In the afternoon Miss Roosevelt joined a party of young people at a mitinee.

Rev. J. H. Fesperman, of this city, who has written several books of considerable interest, has just completed the manuscript for another, entitled "The Ministry of Love," which is dedicated to his late wife. Rev. Fesperman expects to put it in the hands of a publisher at an early day.

STATESVILLE AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

A Music Hall Proposed for the Statesville Landmark.

Mrs. R. P. Patterson died at her home near Statesville Wednesday morning at a stage of consumption. Her husband and three children survive. The remains were interred at Damascus church yesterday.

Cards have been sent announcing the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Brown and William Oscar Murph at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, in the Amity neighborhood, at 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 3rd.

The Mooresville Loan and Trust Co., at Mooresville, was chartered last week with an authorized capital of \$100,000 with \$5,000 subscribed. The incorporators are: J. E. Sherrill, C. P. McNeely, W. W. Rankin, J. M. Deaton and other citizens of Mooresville.

Deputy Sheriff J. M. Deaton brought Will Blackwell, colored, to jail here Wednesday. Blackwell is charged with stealing a horse from John Follett, of Mooresville. He was arrested in Salisbury a few days ago when he attempted to dispose of the horse.

The Confederate monument was completed Saturday and now stands in the court house yard as a monument also to the patience and determined efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy and others who labored, in season and out of season, to the end that this might be an accomplished fact. It is a handsome, graceful monument, and does credit to the Carolina Marble and Granite Company, which erected it. The statue of the Confederate private, out from gray granite, is particularly well done. He is arrayed in light marching order—cartridge box and canteen, and blanket drawn across his shoulders—and stands at parade rest. The total cost is about \$1,810. The unveiling will take place sometime in the spring—probably May 10th.

Recently a friend of Statesville Female College told Dr. Scott, the president, that he would build a music hall and auditorium for the institution. The cost not less than \$5,000, if the friends of the college would raise \$6,000 to pay the mortgage debt on the present building. At a recent meeting of Concord Presbytery in Statesville Dr. Scott laid the matter before the Presbytery, and a committee was appointed to formulate plans to raise the money to pay off the mortgage. The committee is composed of Rev. C. M. Richards, Statesville, chairman; Rev. Geo. H. Cornelison, of Concord; Rev. J. H. Grey, of Salisbury; Rev. W. C. Brown, pastor of Concord church, Iredell, and J. H. Hill, of Statesville. This committee will meet in Statesville next Tuesday to take action. It is understood that steps will be taken to organize Statesville College Leagues, the leagues to be composed of persons who will agree to pay a definite sum annually for a series of years, the money thus contributed to be used in extinguishing the college debt. Meantime Dr. Scott has not been idle in presenting the matter to persons whom he had reason to believe would contribute for the purpose named, and within the past few days he has received two contributions, one of \$500 and one of \$250, both these coming from friends of the college who live at a distance. Under the administration of Dr. Scott, which has been a most successful one, the college has outgrown its present equipment. The hall formerly used as an auditorium has been utilized for dormitories and the college now has no place large enough to accommodate visitors at commencements and on other public occasions. The proposed music hall and auditorium, therefore, is very much needed, and it will not only be a valuable addition to the college but a very great addition to the town.

KILLED BY AN OFFICER.

Policeman Braswell Slays Samuel Noles in Self-Defense.

On last Monday afternoon John Braswell, of the city police force, while being surrounded and his life threatened by a crowd who was trying to release Vic Widenhouse, who had been arrested by Braswell, shot in defence of his life, the shot entering the breast of Samuel Noles and inflicting a wound from which he died about five hours afterward. The shooting occurred in front of Sapp's livery stable, near the Gibson mill.

Mr. Braswell and a special policeman, Cab Watkins, had arrested Victor Widenhouse and David Endy for fighting at D. J. Boat & Co's store. They walked down to Sapp's stable, when Widenhouse asked Braswell if he would accept bond for his appearance. The officer said he would, and that the amount would be \$15. Widenhouse got out the money, but did not give it to Braswell. He then began cursing and started to walk off. What followed will be round in the following testimony of Mr. Braswell and the other witnesses at the trial Tuesday morning at the court house before Esq. G. M. Lore:

Mr. Braswell said: When Vic refused to put up the money for the bond he walked out into the road, and I with him, having hold of him. Then George and a lot of others came up. Vic cursed me and said he wouldn't give me any money. The crowd turned on me. Vic said "Get his gun, shoot him." Some others said, "Stick your knife in him." One man felt in my overcoat pocket for my pistol, but it was not there. George ran between Vic and me and knocked him loose. Vic fought me and tried to throw me down. I kept going back until I got against the stable and could go no further. Three or four had hold of my billy which was strapped to my arm. They kicked me on the leg and in the stomach and knocked my hat off. George had some kind of a weapon. Noles was striking at me. I did not know Noles. I expected to be killed every moment. I shot because I thought they were going to kill me.

A. B. Cleaver testified. I saw Vic come running out to the stable with Braswell hold of him. Crowd ran up and surged on Braswell. George grabbed Braswell and they took Vic loose. They were kicking and knocking Braswell and trying to get his billy. Braswell told them several times to let him alone. Noles came up and was striking at Braswell. Two shots were fired. There were six or eight on Braswell. George told him he was going to kill him. They had Braswell down. George had a pistol. I ran in to help Braswell and pulled several away.

Lee Dancy testified as following: I heard Sam Noles say he would die and go to hell for his Widenhouse boys. Vic had Braswell clasped, and I ran to help Braswell. They grabbed me and pulled me away. Some one said, "Take his gun; kill the son of a b—." They pressed him to the corner of the stable. Braswell said, "Stay off or I'll shoot." He shot twice. After the testimony was all in W. Means, who was attorney for the prosecution, arose and after a few felicitous remarks asked the magistrate to discharge Braswell. He said that no one had had more experience with policemen than he. He realized the duties of the officer who could take life in self defence, he he himself being the judge as to

17 NEW COUNCILS

Junior Order Has Added 1,000 to Its Membership, to Meet in Salisbury.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 30.—State Secretary Vance, of the Junior Order, is now receiving the yearly report from the various councils and they show the order in this State to be in a most flourishing condition. During the past year 17 new councils have been instituted. The executive committee has not had an organizer in the field this year, the organization and institution of new councils being left entirely in the hands of the district workers. In membership the gain this year is about 1,000 in the State to-day.

Financially the councils are in much better shape than ever before. In many places the councils own buildings and other real estate. The annual session of the State council will convene in Salisbury February 20, and the Juniors in that city are making extensive arrangements for the entertainment of the officers and delegates. It is estimated that at least 300 delegates will attend the meeting.—Charlotte Observer.

CURRENT COMMENT

In view of peculiar local conditions which exist in that vicinity, the employing printers of Salisbury have shown commendable courage in their determination to resist the union demands and conduct their business on the open shops basis. We hope they will win the early victory which the justice of their cause deserves.—Charlotte Observer.

A Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party may be given to your stomach and liver by taking a medicine which will relieve their pain and discomfort, viz: Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are a most wonderful remedy, affording sure relief and cure, for headache, dizziness and constipation. 25c at all Druggists.

whether he considered his life in danger or not. He was convinced that Mr. Braswell could not have done otherwise than he did, and he therefore asked that he be discharged, which the magistrate immediately did. When this announcement was made there was a tremendous cheer from the crowd, and Mr. Braswell's friends crowded around him and grasped his hand in congratulation and as a commendation of his course. Many in the crowd shed tears of joy. The court house was packed with people, one of the largest crowds ever seen in there. Mr. Braswell is a brave officer, a man of excellent poise, and one who would not act hastily in a case of this kind. He has been on the police force only eight months, but he has proven true to every trust, and discharged his duty without fear or favor. His conduct in this matter has been such as to win him the respect and admiration of all who did not know his good qualities before. He is a son of Rev. D. A. Braswell. He was represented by Montgomery & Crowell and L. T. Hartsell.

Noles was a young man about 25 years of age and worked at the Gibson mill. The shot which caused his death entered his breast near the heart, causing his death in a few hours. He was a son of Wiley Noles, of Charlotte, where the body was taken for burial. George and Vic Widenhouse were tried before Esq. Lore for resisting arrest, and were bound over to court on the sum of \$100 each, which they gave.—Concord Times Dec. 29th.

LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

A Wealthy Non-Resident Hunter Falls to Pay Tax.

Lexington Dispatch, Dec. 30.
On Friday J. H. Fleeer, a wealthy gentleman, who has a hunting lodge near Thomasville, was tried before Squire J. H. Moyer for refusing to pay the non-resident hunter's tax as demanded by Game Warden W. F. Thomason. Mr. Fleeer claimed that he was a resident of North Carolina, living here six months in the year, admitting, however, that he did pay tax in Pennsylvania. He was bound over to court. Messrs. Walser and Walser appeared for the Mr. Fleeer and Emery E. Raper for Game Warden Thomason.

Rev. W. A. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church at Lexington, has received a call from Berkeley Avenue Baptist church at Berkeley, Va. Berkeley is in reality a part of Norfolk, being one of the many flourishing towns of the Norfolk vicinity. Mr. Smith has the call under consideration. He has been pastor of the Lexington church since March, 1902, and is greatly beloved by his congregation and highly esteemed by all who know him.

James P. Miller, a well-known citizen of Pinnix, died Monday afternoon, aged 88 years. He is survived by four children, one of whom is R. B. Miller, who conducts a grocery store at Lexington. Mrs. Miller, wife of the deceased, died only about six weeks ago. The burial took place at Beck's church Tuesday.

Woman Wounded at Stars.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 29.—Governor Stokes received a letter Wednesday from Libbie Garraband paroled from the State prison last week after serving thirty-three years of a life sentence for murder. The woman expressed the great obligation she felt toward the Governor in favoring her release.

After her long term of imprisonment the thing that most impressed Libbie was her first glimpse of the stars. She was taken from the prison at night, and it was the first time she had seen the heavens at night since the day of her incarceration. Neither did she remember the appearance of the stars prior to her imprisonment. On material changes, such as introduction of trolley cars and automobiles, the prisoner was so well posted by reading that these occasions little wonderment.

Where Life is Long.

Senator Tillman and a colleague were discussing the question of the salubrity of various sections of the country. "Well," said Mr. Tillman, "if the healthfulness of a region is indicated by the mere longevity of its inhabitants, then I think that Asheville, North Carolina, must have the palm. As an illustration of how long-lived the people are thereabouts, we Carolinians are fond of telling this story:

"A visitor from the North asked an old gentleman where he was born and how old he was. The old chap replied: 'I was born here in Asheville, and am seventy years old.' 'Oh!' exclaimed the yankee, as you appear to be as hale and hearty as a man of forty, I've no doubt you'll live to a ripe old age. How old was your father when he died?' 'Father dead!' said the old man, looking surprised. 'Father isn't dead! He's upstairs putting grandfather to bed.'—Success Magazine.