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MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.	STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.	ALBEMARLE AND STANLY NEWS.	LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.	COTTON ACREAGE DECREASING.	THE CLOSING EXERCISES AT DAVIDSON.
	To Survey the Statesville Air Line Rail- road.	Moved to Federal Court.	Lexington Young Men Need to Learn How to Resist Temtation. Lexington Dispatch, May 31si.	Mr. Reid's Barns Struck by Lightening and Destroyed with it's Contents. St. Matthew. June 2.—Too	Medals Awarded and Degrees Conferred. Carnegie Offers \$20,000 for a Library. Last Wednesday morning the
week, the following ladies, Mrs. A. M. McGlamery and Misses Al-	move to Salisbury today. Mr. Hughey has been at work at Spencer for some time.	vened Monday morning, Judge J. L. Webb presiding. Mrs. Gilson Broom, of Porter,	Five arrests for drunkenness were made here by the police on Monday of this week. Certainly this not a record of which to be proud and it's doubtful if it can	much rain is the cry with the farmers to handle General Green successfully. Wheat throughout our section is not going to be any good. The	judges announced that they had decided to award the Junior medal to R. B. Lacy, Jr., of Raleigh. The Senior Oratorical medal was awarded to S. C. Williams,
ma Stewart, Clayton and Bonnie Brown, and Eva Hendrix were baptized into the full membership of the Baptist church Sunday eve- ning at the pool in the rear of the church. A large audience was	nesday afternoon from Grand View, Texas, announced the death of Rev. W. R. McLelland, which occurred that efternoon.	years of age and bad been in feetble health for sometime. He: hus- band, who is also very feeble and is now more than 80 years of age, survives.	in North Carolina. A gentleman who was a passen- ger on "booze train No. 12," from Salisbury to Lexington Saturday	about five acres he will take two bushel for it. Bottom wheat is dying on the account of too much	the debators' medal and the medal on Bible. The Board of Trustees author- ized "the announcement that
mrs. W. C. Wilson lost a val- uable horse Sunday night. The horse got tangled in a barbed wire fence and was cut so badly	wife of Jas. Wooten, of Eagle Mills township, and a daughter of Rev. John Weatherman, of Union Grove, died Tuesdav afternoon about 4 o'clock, aged 23 years.	entering upon the contract to fur- nish the Gillespie Company, at Whitney, 1,000 car loads of sand. The sand is to be from loam and consequently will have to be se-	the second class coach were dis- gaceful. Jugs, bottles, and a keg or two were in evidence and a crowd of drunken men and boys made the night hideous with	A number of our farmers have plowed up a good part of their cotton. They say they can't raise six cent cotton with so much rain and grass as has been the last	Andrew Carnegie offers to donate \$20,000 for a library building for the college provided the institu- tion raise a like amount as an en- dowment. The trustees directed that the work of raising the
that he bled to death. This is a serious loss to Mrs. Wilson and she has our sympathy. CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.	years and her husband survives. Geo. M. Foard has sold his dray business to Messrs. J. P. Pat- terson and Robt. McNeely, and	cured from the bed of the river, which is about two miles distant from Norwood. Two or three car loads will be delivered daily. At the earliest, it would take a little over three years to complete the	fighting. And the pity of it is that a majority of the crowd en- gaged in the orgies were young men and boys-from Lexington. One young man from this town	month. Several farmers plowed up all of their cotton, some about one-fourth. We think the crop bulletin has sure made a mistake when it reported the crop in good condition.	\$20,000 be commenced at once and it is hoped that the college
Concord Times, June 2nd. Wednesday night professional	the business yesterday. On Mon-	contract, but Mr. Blalock is equipping himself with good ma-	a seriese much inflicted on his boad		The college conferred the fol-

mafe crakers blew open two safes at Mt. Pleasant, nine miles east of Concord and secured about \$600. C. G. Heilig's store was entered by the front door, the safe was blown open and more than \$300 was taken, \$150 of which was town tax money. The safe was completely wrecked. At Cook & Foil's store the entrance was made by the front door, which was wrecked. The large safe was dynamited and nearly \$200 taken. A horse was taken from Luther Lentz, and it is presumed that the rider was Conner says. thrown, as the animal was abandoned. A mule was taken from Cal Boger, near town, and ridden within a short distance of this city.

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When Tatt Needed Courage.

Secretary Taft, who has been holding down the lid at Washington while the President slaughtered bears in Texas and Colorado, has always been an enthusia'stic admirer of the late L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi.

"I loved Judge Lamar," said the secretary to a relative of the distinguished Senator and jurist. "He gave me encouragement when I needed it, and if I have accomplished anything, much of it is due to Judge Lamar's quaint and friendly counsel. I was assistant to the Attorney General of the United States when Lamar sat upon the Supreme bench. They who presided were great men, and there was grave dignity observed in their presence and even in the retiring of the court. One day I had stumbled through a small duty before the court just as the judges were about to retire. I stood embarrassed and confused, feeling that my mental machine could never attune itself to the caliber of the able men I had to meet, when an arm was thrown affectionately over my shoulder and the most friendly voice I ever heard-the voice of Judge Lamar in sympathy with a young mansaid: "'It's all right, my boy. Don't you be afraid of those old fellows on the bench They wont bite you. Even if they wanted to their teeth are too old and worn to do much damage. If you but knew it, yours are twice as sharp.' "I became a confident force from that moment, and I have ever since loved Lamar and thanked him for making me put faith in my teeth .- Memphis Commercial Appeal.

some teams to Whitney, Stanly chinery for the work. county, where he will work for the Whitney Construction Company.

Chief Conner went to Salisbury former received severe bruises Tuesday, the day on which so many of the colored population from this place and elsewhere hied them to that Mecca. Mr. Conner says he paid a visit to the Salisbury lock-up and saw many negroes in limbo, but there was no Statesville negre among the lot. It was a real pious excursion, Mr.

The stockholders and directors of the Statesville Air Line Railroad met yesterday and instructed the president, Dr. J. J. Mott, to appoint committees to solicit for a survey of the line. The Statesville Air Line was chartered many years ago and the charter has been amended at least once. It provides for a railroad to start at or near Spartanburg, S. C., and to run via Statesville to Mt. Airy.

Newest Thing ih Snakes.

A most remarkable and uncom-"flying snake" that was mon captured and killed at "Berry Plain," the home of John S. Dickinson, in this county, a few days ago, has attracted wide attention and excited no little interest. The curious reptile was first noticed flying around the air with several feet of its horrid snakeship dangling around, presenting the appearance, may be, of an ordinary snake attached to a strange looking bird.

As far as known it never once descended to the earth and crawled on the ground after the manner of snakes, but it would occasionally alight in trees and catch such birds as best suited its appetite and fancy.

It was finally killed and meas

A fight occurred last Friday between Jonah C. Poplin and Elijah Cooper at Porter, in which the about the face, head and breast. Mr. Poplin was in town Tuesday and seems to be doing well, tho for awhile it was thought his wounds were fatal. Mr. Cooper is placed under a \$500 bond pending the preliminary hearing.

The drug business of C. J. Manney & Co. has been bought by For & Company, of Salisbury. Ludolph G. Fox, the senior member of the firm, was here Monday, He expects to be in Albemarle on the 15th day of June to take charge of the business. We understand that Mr. Fox came largely upon the solicitation of his friend, Cashier J. M. Peeler, of The Stanly County Loan and Trust Company, who says that he is a young man whom the town will be glad to own as a citizen. We extend the hand of welcome.

The special Pythian services will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, June 11, 8:15 o'clock. Rev. G. H. Belk. of Charlotte, has accepted the invitation to preach the sermon, and no one in Albemarle should miss this opportunity of hearing this gifted speaker.

G. D. Troutman, of Millingport, who runs a 6 and 8-horse farm and makes it pay, sold one of our townsmen Wednesday a fine pair of mules, which are valued at considerably over \$400. Mule flesh is one of the most costly items of the farm, but the pair referred to seem none too cheap at \$500. E. E. Snuggs was the purchaser,

Attorney W. G. Means, of Concord made a motion yesterday before the court to remove the damage case of Mrs. Hester Leonard vs. the Miami Mining Co. to the Federal court. R. E. Austin and J. T. Jerome appear for the plain. tiff, who is suing for \$25,000, for the death of her husband in a shaft at the mine of the defendant company. Motion to remove prevailed and plaitiff gave notice of appeal.

LINGLE-KESLER WEDDING.

Junior Order-United American Mechanics on the increase. The coming wedding of Miss late frost.

Lillie Lingle, of this place, and T. M. Kesler, of Salisbury. that is to take place in the Lutheran church here Wednesday evening, is looked forward to with much

interest.

The Junior Order has increased a great deal in membership the past year and is now in a flourish ing condition, and is still increasing.

The big day on the 4th of July here is much talked of, and preparations are being made to entertain the great crowd that will be here from Rowan and adjoining counties.

Many thousands of dollars are being scattered out along on the granite belt by the Balfour Company, which is a great help to this section of Rowan county.

John Cauble moved to Faith to day from Greensboro, some of his people were already living in Faith

The young people will have an ice cream supper Saturday evening and night for the benefit of the base ball team.

Mica and Monazite Co., of Shelby. | was about one thousand dollars.

Miss Ida Lingle will arrive here from Shelby, N. C., where she holds a position as stenographer with the North Carolina Mica and Monazite Company, to attend the evening. VENUS.

Geo. W. Reid Injured.

on the account of the black head and so much didn't run up.

The fruit in places looks all right yet, but others it has about all dropped off on account of the

The blackberry crop is all we bave to brag on. I don't think we people will perish long as they last.

A. L. Poole is working for the Graff saw mill.

Now Bartlette as you are up among the mountaincers you had better keep quiet for you know mountain people. are generally rough.

St. Mathew's church is to have the township Sunday school convention this summer. The date is not yet set. Her new preacher will preach his first sermon the second Sunday in June.

Liberty and Craven crossed bats Thursday. The score stood 12 to 27 in favor of Craven. About two hundred people were on the ground to see the game. There was also a large crowd at F. M. Tyack's store at two o'clock to see the balloons go up. They went out of sight in a few minutes.

Lizel Reid's barn was struck by trant. lightning and burned to the

M. C. Karston arrived from one two horse wagon, one surry, Shelby today. He is the general two bales of cotton, one wheat matter? Been drinking anymanager of the North Carolina drill and all his feed. His loss

The Illinois Plan.

In an address before the Illinois Bar Association, Judge Tuley dewedding of her sister Wednesday clared that it the duty of the judge to make a careful examination of each juryman on the panel "It is the court's duty to see that these men are morally and men

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Doctor of Divinity, Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., of Wilmington: President S. / E. Chandler, of Brownwood, Tex.; Rev. C. C. Carson, of Valdosta, Ga.; Rev. P. R. Law, of Lumber Bridge; Prof. D. H. Hill, of Raleigh.

Doctors of Laws, Rev. W. M. McPheeters, of Columbia, S. C.

The diplomas and awards of degrees were delivered by Dr. H. L. Smith. The oratorical prizes were delivered by Dr. W. W. Moore, of Richmond.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. Kumple, of Salisbury,-Charlotte News.

Well Deserved Rebuke.

A Princeton man tells of a conversation that took place between the coach of a football eleven and one of the players. An important game was soon to be played and the coach was, of course, most anxious that every player should be in the best of physical condition. But to his disgust one of the men, upon whom a great deal depended if the great game were to be won, seemed to be in "bad form." Taking him aside the coach had the following "heartto-heart talk" with the recalci-

"See here, you're not looking ground. Mr. Reid lost one horse, so good? Muscles flabby and wind bad-awful bad. What's the thing?"

"Not a drop,"

"Then you must be smoking." "Haven't touched a pipe, cigar or cigarette since the training began.'*

"Studying?"

"Well, yes-a little."

Whereupon the coach gave vent to a snort of disgust. "See here! You've got to stop that! Do you want us to lose the game?"-Harper's Weekly.

SAW MILL JAKE.

ured and proved to be five feet long and about one inch in diameter of body. It had perfect wings of good size, and these were covered with feathers. "Berry Plain," where the curious thing

made its unceremonious advent and met its untimely end, is one of the finest plantations and homesteads in King George, and being situated on the banks of the Rappahannock, it is conjectured by some that the "flying snake" may have come from an impenetrable marsh of the river or some neighboring creek.

But this theory is not accepted by many, for as far as can be learned, nothing bearing the slightest similarity to this serpent

or reptile, or whatever it is, was The Royal Arcanum has decidever seen before or heard of anyed to hold it's annual picnic this where in this section of the counyear at Whitney. A special train try .- Richmond Times-Dispatch. | Sun. will be chartered for the occasion.

Col. Amos Owens Charged With Retailing,

Col. Amos Owens, the famous Cherry Mountain moonshiner, was tried before United States Commissioner R. W. Logan, Saturday, charged with retailing, and bound over to the next term of the District Federal court, which convenes in Charlotte on June 18th. The old gentleman is in very bad health, and it is doubted if he will be able to attend .- Rutherfordton

During the barbecue held tally qualified to pass upon the Gladstone Ascension day there was a considerable crowd present and a pleasant occasion was the portion of those who attended, with one exception. This exception was Geo. W. Reid, of Stanly, who, while returning home had a race with some one, which ended in Mr. Reid's serious injury. Just as he arrived home, riding at a very rapid rate, the girth of his saddle broke and ground. He was unconscious for some time after which, it was ascertained several injuries had been sustained, possibly several ribs broken.

The beef markets of Salisbury have adopted the following hours the jury and a greater degeree. of for the summer: Close from 12 to fairness and justice in trials .-Charlotte Chronicle. 4 each day.

questions placed before them. Out of a panel of sixty men, I have found thirty-five, perhaps, who are competent to act as jurors." He said that it is no unusual thing for lawyers to take thirty days in trying to get a jury to hear a case, and it has been known to take two months for this work. He suggested as a remedy that the judge select he eighteen men men from the panel was thrown violently to the and then allow the plaintiff and defendant each to reject three. That might be an improvement deposits. on the present system, in so far that it would accelerate the business of securing a jury, but the real reform must begin at the jury box. If that is filled with the names of the right sort of people, a step will have been taken in the matter of securing intelligence in

Production of Silver in the United States in 1904.

A preliminary estimate by the Director of the Mint places the production of silver in the United States during 1904 at \$58,608,000 fine ounces. Waldemar Lindgren, of the United States Geological Survey, has written a paper in which he shows the approximate distribution of this product among the different classes of ore

The different classes of ore to which the production can be traced are as follows: Silver derived from placers; silver derived .from dry or quartzose ores; silver derived from copper ores; and silver derived from from lead ores.

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