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## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### To Vote on Issuing Bonds for Improvements. Meeting of Veterans Postponed.—Items.

Lexington Dispatch, July 26th.

Mr. Eli Cross and family are moving to Salisbury. They have been residents of Lexington for many years and have many friends who are sorry to see them leave here.

An election for the purpose of voting on issuing \$40,000 bonds for public improvements will be held in Lexington on Saturday, August 19, 1905. The registration books for the election will be open for ten (10) days prior to election day for the registration of voters not on the books.

Prof. G. M. Garrison, who has been principal of Reed's High School for the past two years, has been elected principal of the graded school at Richland, Onslow county. He has accepted the position, and will not return to Davidsen. The school at Reed's is one of the best in the county. Prof. J. W. Cole, of Bringles, a teacher of experience and ability, has been elected to succeed Prof. Garrison.

E. A. Rothrock has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness with typhoid fever to be at his shops again.

M. M. Swing, of Holly Grove, says a severe storm passed through his section Friday afternoon, doing considerable damage to corn and other growing crops. The track of the storm was about a mile wide, and was accompanied by rain and hail.

Ed. L. Owen, of Yadkin College, says crops were considerably damaged along the river and creeks by the recent heavy rains. He estimates corn damaged 10 per cent. along the bottoms of the Yadkin river.

Take notice that the meeting of A. A. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans is postponed until Thursday, the 14th day of September, 1905. This postponement is made in deference to the wishes of the good women who, through much disappointment and tribulation, have worked so earnestly and faithfully to have the monument completed. They hope to have it ready for unveiling on that day; if not, the meeting will be held anyhow.—C. M. Thompson, Commandant; F. C. Robbins, Adjutant.

## THOMASVILLE ITEMS.

Friday afternoon during the storm lightning struck the barn of R. L. Conrad. The bolt tore the corner post of the barn into splinters and damaged the barn otherwise. His horse was in the barn but was not hurt.

Last Friday afternoon a heavy rain storm visited our community and a heavy hail storm accompanied the rain. The storm reached just beyond the incorporation in the western part of town and extended about a mile down the Lexington road. The hail did a great deal of damage to the crops, and especially the corn. We are glad to hear that the hail only extended over a short area.

## Unique Character Passes Away.

Mrs. Amanda Parks, an old and well-known woman of Salisbury, died last Friday evening at her rooms on North Long street. Her death was due to injuries received one day last week, when she was knocked down and run over by a negro bicyclist while on her return from a berry patch. From this shock she never recovered.

Policeman Cauble is credited with the kindness of looking after her wants during her illness—for which he deserves much credit.

## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### Picnic, Camp Meeting and Sunday School Convention—Preacher Robbed

Concord Times, Aug. 1

The farmers' picnic of No. 11 township will be held at Mt. Hermon church August 8. The public is invited, and a big time is expected.

The camp-meeting at Bethel will be held on the second Sunday in August. A new roof is being put on the arbor, and the tents and the grounds are being put in good condition.

The Sunday school convention of No. 8 township will be held at Shiloh church on Wednesday, August 9. Several prominent speakers, including M. B. Strickley, of Concord, will be present and make addresses. R. A. Nash, who is vice-president of the association, asks us to make the above announcement.

Last Tuesday night Rev. J. A. Stirewalt, of Luray, Va., missionary to Japan, who had been in Cabarrus visiting in the interest of his work, left on No. 12 for Statesville. He had his valise checked, but some time before the train left it was stolen from the trucks. On Wednesday some darkies living in W. H. Blume's house in Colerburg, reported to Mr. Blume that some one was throwing trash in the well, as a lot of papers, a diary, a memorandum book, etc., had been drawn from it. Mr. Blume investigated and found by the contents that the papers belonged to Rev. Stirewalt. The matter was at once reported to the police and railroad authorities who want to work to find a clue to the thief, but so far none has been obtained. The valise had been checked, and the railroad, therefore, is responsible for it. The thief had stolen all Mr. Stirewalt's wearing apparel, including a Prince Albert suit, throwing only the papers, etc., in the well.

Last Saturday night Charley Broder, a white boy who claims to be from Philadelphia, and who had been on the Cabarrus chain gang for beating a train, came to Concord, his sentence having ended that day. He was in a bad condition physically, his back being covered with large whelps and his feet terribly bruised and very sore. He claims that he was inhumanly whipped by Herbert Smith, boss of the gang, who whipped him several times, the last time on Friday. Frank Duffy, who says he lives in Birmingham, and who was sentenced for the same offense as Broder, at the same time, confirms Broder's statement. Broder could not eat anything for four days, and is now at the County Home. A warrant was sworn out Monday by Duffy for Smith's arrest, and the trial came off before Esq. Pitts in the afternoon, who bound Smith over to court, requiring him to give a justified bond of \$100.

## Narrow Escape.

A white man, his wife and two children had a miraculous escape from death between Salisbury and Spencer last Friday. The parties were unknown. They were in a double-seated trap and on a fill when they met an automobile, at which the horse took fright. The horse sprang to the side of the road, carrying down the steep embankment the carriage and its four occupants. The man was severely stunned, but received no serious injury. His wife and children were unhurt. The horse also escaped injury. This embankment is about 80 feet high, and this escape is almost miraculous.

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

### Vote on Railroad Bonds Carries—Increase of Business in Albemarle.

Stanly Enterprise, July 25th.

The alumni meeting of the Y. M. S. Academy at Palmerville occurred yesterday. Quite a number attended from this place.

It is reported that the Whitney Company will cut a canal on the Montgomery side of the river as soon as the one on this side is completed.

The four-month old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Morton died Sunday and was buried that afternoon at the J. A. Little burial ground near Big Lick.

Vote on the railroad bond issue in Center township last Thursday resulted in a majority of 73 for the bonds, only 3 votes having been actually cast against the issue.

N. J. Pennington, while doing some work on the building which he is having erected on a lot adjoining his residence, fell from a ladder and sustained painful injuries about the back. He ambulates now by the aid of two walking canes.

Owing to the growth of business at the postoffice at Albemarle, the postmaster's salary has been raised from \$1,100 to \$1,200 a year. The people here feel that the business is sufficiently large to demand the services of a rapid mailing clerk, and that the present force should be increased.

Z. B. Sanders retired from editorial control of the Albemarle Gazette last week, and Samuel A. Underwood succeeds to the vacancy. Mr. Underwood is a young man, a native of this county. He has taught several schools, and has had some experience at newspaper work. The reasons assigned for the change is the demand made upon Mr. Sanders' time by his growing law practice.

James Milton, aged about 32 years, died Monday morning at his home at Reidsville after a lingering illness of consumption. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Milton, formerly of this place, and there are many relatives and friends in this section to whom news of his death will come as a distinct shock. E. E. Snuggs went to Reidsville Monday to be present at the burial services.

The Efrid and Wiscasset mills last week declared semi-annual dividends of 4 per cent. and the Albemarle Telephone Co. 5 per cent. Each mill owns a handsome surplus, and it is safe to say that few mills in the South are on a safer basis than those that are in Albemarle. Sec. J. S. Efrid, of the Efrid Manufacturing Company, informs us that after January 1st his mills will double their capacity, and that weaving machines will be added.

The New London High School is to open August 16th. It is a new school, under management of the Methodist church, and the property known as the Bileville Academy has been purchased through a committee appointed for that purpose. Rev. J. D. Rankin, A. B., is principal. Other members of the faculty are: A. M. Norton, Miss Margaret Umberger, Miss Annie G. Gibson. These are graduates from Rutherford, Trinity, Davenport and Greensboro Female colleges, respectively. The school is one at which boys and girls can receive education at a moderate cost, and starts forth under bright promises.

Don't fail to clip the coupon in Spot \* Cashe's ad. this week. It will save you money.

## COVERED BRIDGE AND OLD DEPOT TO GO.

### Driveway of Bridge Closed Because Unsafe. Southern has Not Done What It Promised.

Last Thursday morning, after again examining the old covered bridge, Engineer Miller ordered the roadway closed, in justification of which he said:

"I found the bridge, after examining it according to instructions, in a very unsafe condition, and a serious accident was liable to occur at any time."

Mr. Ackert, for the Southern R. R. Co., said some months ago that the company would tear down the old bridge and replace it with a steel structure at once; but so far they have done nothing tangible.

As Inniss is one of the most used streets in the city, it is hoped that the Southern will attend to this matter without unnecessary delay.

Mayor Boyden has returned from Washington, and reports himself as highly pleased with the interview had with Mr. Ackert as to both the Inniss street bridge and the new depot, both of which, he says, will be built at an early day.

Mayor Boyden also reports Mr. Ackert as saying that more additions will be made to the shops at Spencer.

## Two Boys Tried for Train Wrecking.

Jacob Morgan and John Brady, seventeen-year-old country lads, living near Rockwell, are in jail charged with attempting to wreck a train on the Yadkin road by placing spikes on the rails. They were arrested last week and arraigned before Squire Miller last Wednesday afternoon, but owing to the absence of Detective Haney, who caused their arrest, the trial was postponed till Tuesday, August 1st.

At the trial yesterday they were bound over to court under bonds of \$100 each, which they failed to give, and were remanded to jail. We are informed this morning, however, that both boys will be able to give bond today, and that they will leave for their homes in Gold Hill on the noon train.

It was thought at first that Detective Haney had a strong case against the boys, but it proved to be purely circumstantial evidence.

## Items From Faith

The Daughters of Liberty were organized here Saturday night with fifty charter members. Several parties came out from Salisbury.

Mr. Stirewalt has bought another lot from Henry Canble, and is now having lumber hauled for his handsome residence, which will go up as soon as possible.

Charlie Ross has moved in his new residence between Faith and Granite Quarry.

We have just found a man who claims to have discovered a sure cure for a mad dog bite. He has cured two cases and says he can cure any case—don't matter how bad—if he can get to the patient. When the fit is on them is the time he cures them by arresting the poison when it is in action. Many lives may be saved by this new discovery.

## Death of Prof. Griffin's Father.

Prof. Griffin, superintendent of the city public schools, received a telegram one day last week announcing the death of his father at his home in Union county. As he was not aware of his father's illness, the information was a severe shock to the professor. Prof. Griffin went to Monroe to attend the funeral, and has returned to Salisbury to take up his summer work.

## NEWS FROM RIDGE ROAD.

### A Good Batch of News From that Place Sent in by Polly.

The seasons through this section is excellent, and crops are looking well.

Watermelon season is here and some of the farmers have some very fine melons.

Wheat threshing is all over around here.

The singing school at Liberty and Corinth is being successfully taught by Columbus Lentz. Singing will begin at St. Mathews next Friday. It also will be taught by Mr. Lentz.

The Morgan Township Sunday School Convention convened in St. Matthews E. L. church last Friday. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a very large crowd was present. The programme was very successfully carried out, every topic being very ably discussed. Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, of Crescent, very ably discussed the topic: "What Relation Does the Holy Spirit Bear to the Sunday School?" Rev. C. Diefendorf gave a very interesting and excellent address on the topic "How to Arouse Interest in the Sunday School Work." The topic: "Education an Auxiliary to Efficient Sunday School and Church Work" was very ably discussed by Rev. J. L. Morgan, of Enochville. Rev. Bodie gave an excellent address on the convention.

There was preaching and communion at St. Matthews last Sunday. A very large congregation was there. The church was filled to the very utmost seating capacity.

Enis, the nine year old son of N. C. Eagle, was laid to rest in the Liberty cemetery Sunday evening about 8 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Postelle. Enis was taken with a fit, which resulted in his death Saturday evening about 4 o'clock.

Miss Ludora Van Pool, who went to Baltimore about two weeks ago for the treatment of a mad dog bite, has not yet returned home. She is greatly missed in the Sunday School and church work.

One among the many we saw at the convention was Ladder.

We are glad to note that Saw Mill Jake has returned from Charlotte.

The cutting and drying of snits is the order of the day around here wherever there is fruit enough to make snits out of.

Samuel Bame and P. N. Trexler went to Albemarle Monday to sell their cotton. Most of the farmers through this section have sold. There is but mighty little in the county any more.

The health in this community is good except a few chills.

Misses Nannie and Lillie Casper visited Misses Flora and Carrie Bame last week. POLLY.

## A Higher Standard for Rowan Schools

The Board of Education for the county met in special session yesterday, the first of August, for the purpose of considering requests and petitions for building new school houses, and for making repairs on old houses. The board fixed the salaries of the teachers in all the school districts in the county. The policy of the board is to bring our rural schools up to the high standard the State Board of Education would have them attain.

## SPENCER NEWS.

### Presbyterians Get a Pastor and Open up Their New Church—Baptists Also Secure a Pastor—The R. Y. M. C. A. to Build Soon—Miscellany.

The new Presbyterian church, recently completed, was formally opened last Sunday morning, a large congregation being present. This building has been in course of construction since September, 1902, when the corner-stone was laid under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. The church has been without a pastor the greater part of the time, and the work of building was attended to by a committee. Rev. L. M. Kerschner, the former pastor, preached a short sermon on "Christian Duty," and made a financial statement on behalf of the committee, showing the cost of building to be \$2,500, of which \$2,200 had been raised in cash and subscriptions, leaving a balance of about \$300 to be provided for. All of the other churches in Spencer participated in the opening exercises, Rev. J. E. Gay, pastor of the Methodist church, making an appropriate address.

The Baptist church here, which for several weeks has been without a pastor, extended a call to Rev. J. M. Dunnaway, of Emporia, Va. Mr. Dunnaway has accepted the call, and the congregation will begin the erection of a parsonage, which they aim to complete by the first of October, when the new pastor takes charge.

The Yadkin River Company, recently organized for the purpose of running an automobile line between Spencer and Salisbury, have put their autos on the road. The style used is 12-horse power, 16-carrier, weighing over a ton—the largest yet seen in this section. Its speed capacity is twenty miles per hour with 16 passengers.

A new enterprise is soon to be started up in Spencer shortly—an undertaking establishment. W. H. Britt is to be manager, and it is said they will have a professional embalmer in their employ.

Work will soon begin on the R. Y. M. C. A. building, the contract being let recently to W. S. Grandy & Son, of Greenville. It will cost, it is estimated, about \$27,000, including the lot, and will be centrally located—on Salisbury avenue just opposite the railroad shops. The plans provide for all modern conveniences and the appliances now used in such institutions. The contractors say they have placed the orders for the material, that it should arrive here soon, and that work may begin in a week or ten days. It is to be ready for occupancy Jan. 1, 1906.

H. L. Hatch, for some time local claim agent for the Southern at Winston, has been appointed law agent for the company, with headquarters at Spencer. He is now in Greensboro acquainting himself with the duties of his office.

W. H. Burton and wife express their appreciation of the sympathy and acts of kindness shown them by friends, and particularly to Piedmont Lodge, Intern'l Association of Machinists, in their hour of grief over the death of their son.

According to late information, Spencer will soon have her water works in operation. Pressey & Weller, Washington, D. C., inform the town officials that they have secured the bids on nearly all the machinery and material, and as soon as they can settle the matter of handling the work construction will begin—which may be within two weeks.