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Last week's edition of the Lexington Dispatch was of considerable interest. Most of its space was given to a write-up of Thomasville, which is termed "The Tar-Heel Chair Town." The paper contains many half-tone cuts, and is altogether a credit to both Thomasville and the efforts of the Dispatch.

Mr. Carnegie has consented to give \$12,500 to Livingston College, a colored institution of this State. The gift is in fee simple, and is not adorned with the strings that usually accompany donations of this nature.—Charlotte News.

It would have been so much nicer if the News had said "of Salisbury."

"I have made another angel for heaven," said a religious fanatic in Montreal, Can., after coming out of the room where he had strangled his five-year-old daughter to death. He is in the hands of scientists for examination. It might not be amiss for the scientists to also examine into the doctrines to which he subscribed, as much of our modern religion is as productive of fanaticism as were some of the ancient forms.

As noted in our last issue, an effort is to be made to secure a pardon for Thomas and Chalmers White, the murderers of Russell Sherrill. We have no fear that such an effort will prove successful, therefore they had just as well decide to serve the very light sentence (six years) imposed by the court, as, after having done this, they will still owe justice a considerable balance. They were deliberate in their crime, and, if honest in their contentions, should meet the requirements of the law without begging favors.

A man got on a north-bound train at Charlotte a few days ago and remarked that prohibition was a great thing, and that at that very moment he was dry as dry. But when the conductor came around later and called for the man's ticket, his actions betrayed the fact that he was anything else but dry; that he had imbibed most liberally of the most familiar juice. "Where to?" asked the conductor, when this man passed his mileage book. "To h—l," answered the inebriated passenger. "You get off at Salisbury," said the conductor.—Statesville Landmark.

Sensible conductor. Put him off at the best place on the line. Why, he might have carried out his threat, or worse, gone to —.

"Men Marked to Die. Socialists Issue Proclamation." This is the heading to a telegraphic item in the Salisbury Post, and doubtless similar heads are over the same statement in other papers. The possibility is that this statement conveys as great a falsehood as the one about the Socialist rebellion in St. Petersburg led by Priest Gopon, which was a lie out of the whole cloth. Socialists oppose the Anarchists in this matter on the ground that it results in evil, bringing on greater oppression, and that to kill one tyrant only ushers in another, who, in the very nature of things, will use greater suppressive powers, if possible. The press reports from Russia, like those from other monarchies (and even those from the Philippines), being censored by government officials, are totally unreliable.

It is a great pleasure to one having been away from Salisbury for several months to return and find our excellent street-car line in operation. It also gives one much pleasure to take a spin on the cars. Not for the purpose of making the least ripple of discord would we say anything unpleasant, but, for the purpose of adding safety and contentment to those using the cars, we would suggest that the motormen look ahead more and back in the cars less.

Blowing or Breathing Wells.

The United States Geological Survey has on hand the investigation of curious phenomena known as "blowing" or "breathing" wells. In the course of collecting well records the hydrologists of the survey have observed many wells that emit currents of air with more or less force, sometimes accompanied by a whistling sound which can be heard for a long distance.

The best-known examples of this type of well are found throughout the State of Nebraska. Blowing wells are also known to occur in Rapides parish in southern Louisiana. The force of the air current in one of the Louisiana wells is sufficient to keep a man's hat suspended above it.

The cause of such phenomena is mainly due to changes in atmospheric pressure or to changes in temperature. During the progress of a low-barometer storm over these regions, the air is expelled from the blowing wells. With a rising barometer the blowing becomes rapidly less until the current is finally reversed. Differences in the temperature of the surface air and the air in the soil also produces similar effects. When the interstices between the grains of sand, gravel, etc., in which the well is driven are filled with water, the phenomena of blowing is much less noticeable.

The Survey will welcome any information from well-owners and drillers relating to these wells.

Woodleaf Leaflets.

WOODLEAF, Sept. 19.—People in this section are busy now picking cotton.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church closed Sunday.

The school building that has been in course of construction is nearing completion.

Lee Heart left here Tuesday for his home in Arkansas.

Miss Maud Mills, of Statesville, is visiting at T. L. Thompson's this week.

Woodleaf and Franklin played baseball last Saturday, the score standing 9 to 7 in favor of Woodleaf.

Miss Fannie Correll is visiting at W. D. Pennington's this week.

Caleb White gave our burg a visit last Friday.

Wishing much success to the WATCHMAN and the editor, I am
Tom Cat.

A Full Stop.

A returned traveler who spent half of his holiday in a tour of Ireland brought back a sample of the happy-go-lucky wit of the Irish "jarvey," or driver. In a breakneck race down a hill he suddenly realized that the spirited Irish mare was running away.

"Pull her up!" he shouted excitedly.

"Hold tight, your honor," returned the jarvey, easily.

"Pull her up!" again commanded the traveler, making a grab for the reins.

"For your life don't touch the reins," the jarvey answered, without tightening his grip. "Sure, they're as rotten as pears."

The traveler made ready to jump, but the jarvey laid a soothing hand on his shoulder.

"Sit easy," he said, reassuringly. "I'll turn her into the river at the bridge below here. Sure that'll stop her."

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