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CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Farmer has his Scalp Torn From his Head by a Falling Tree.

Concord Times, April 30th.

The home of John W. Starnes, who lived one and a half miles from Mt. Pleasant, was totally destroyed by fire last Friday evening about 6 o'clock. The fire caught from the kitchen flue just after Mrs. Starnes had made a fire to start supper. There was no one at home but herself, and when the fire was discovered it had gained too much headway to be extinguished. All the contents, including some money, were destroyed. There was no insurance on either house or contents.

Charley Tucker, who lives on the Teeter place in No. 11 township, four miles from Concord, was badly hurt last Friday by having a tree fall on him. The tree struck Mr. Tucker on the head and scalped him completely. He was knocked senseless and remained so for several hours.

Geo. T. Ritchie and family, consisting of his wife and little girl, left last night for Yearington, Nevada, which place they will make their home. Mr. Ritchie formerly lived in Nevada, but has been in Cabarrus for several months. He is interested in gold mining property in Nevada, and we hope his claims will prove profitable ones.

At a congregational meeting at the First Presbyterian church last Sunday the matter of securing a new pastor was left to the session. This body afterwards met and appointed a committee to have charge of the matter with full power to select a pastor.

Rev. Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, the brilliant and distinguished president of Newberry College, of Newberry, S. C., will attend the World's Sunday School convention at Rome, as a delegate from this country. He will sail from New York May 8th.

Rev. Geo. H. Cornelson will leave tomorrow for his new home in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Cornelson and children will leave today for Orangeburg, S. C., where they will visit at her father's for a few days before going to Nashville.

Rev. J. W. Strickler and family left last Saturday for their new home at Rural Hall, where he has charge of the Lutheran church.

Mountain of Borax Worth Millions.

In an article on the resources of Nevada and the Death Valley region, a western paper says that Mount Blanc, approximately 1,500 feet high and two miles in diameter, is a mass of pure borax. It is the property of one man. Frank M. Smith, of Oakland, is the absolute owner of this mountain, and thereby controls the visible supply of borax in the world. The market value of this borax where it lies is something more than $100 a ton. Experts estimate that the mountain has at least 3,000,000 tons of borax in it.

This mountain, standing at the north end of the Funeral range, within a stone's throw of Death Valley, says the writer, makes Smith easily the richest man in the world, from a point of resources. But this borax deposit is merely a lining for the pot of gold that rest in the Funeral range.—Baltimore Sun.

Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips, of Barclay, Md., writes: "I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catharine, who is two years old, has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a dreadful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever." This remedy is for sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C.

MURDER AT SPENCER.

Negro Shoots Down a Fellow Workman in Cold Blood.

Spencer, N. C., May 2.—Fred Muse, colored, was shot and killed here early this morning by a fellow workman named Geo. Fox, at the Southern Railway cinder pit on the Spencer yards. It is learned that Fox, who worked on the night shift, went to sleep while on duty and that Muse attempted to awaken him by holding a lighted rag under his nose. This enraged Fox and a quarrel followed, which was renewed at intervals during the night. Fox left the cinder pit and it is alleged went to his home, where he secured a revolver and returned to the gang at the pit. Finding Muse seated on a bench he called to him to "stand up" and without further ceremony began to pump lead into him, shooting four times. Three balls took effect, two in the shoulder and one in the chest of Muse, who fell dead in his tracks.

Fox exclaimed: "D—n you, I guess you are dead now," and took the seat formerly occupied by his victim and lighted a cigarette for pastime. At first he made no move to escape, but later in the night, on being informed that he would be taken by officers, attempted to leave, but was taken in charge by Engineer L. E. Ballinger and a number of workmen and held until the arrival of Chief of Police J. R. Cruse, who carried him to jail.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

Fatalities in Wilkes.

Last Friday, near J. L. Whittington's in Union township, Jesse Oliver was sawed to death at the Wyatt sawmill. Oliver was the offbearer. In picking up a plank, it touched the saw and threw Oliver astride the saw, which, entering the backbone, ripped him through half way to the neck. In this horrible condition he lived about 40 minutes.

A few years ago Mr. Oliver's arm was sawed off at a sawmill. Mr. Oliver leaves a wife and two children.

Some time ago at this same sawmill, a young man named Wyatt was sawed to death.

On the day of the last accident, in the same neighborhood, a young man named Revis, who was logging, was seriously injured by a log rolling over him.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Giant Fly Wheel Breaks.

While working on the engine used in operating the refrigerating plant of the Hotel Selwyn, a colored helper unwittingly allowed the cord of his extension lamp to get caught in the governor belt, which threw it off. The regulator thus being put out of commission, the big 8-foot fly wheel ran away under a heavy head of steam, its speed accelerating momentarily until it became so great that it broke to pieces, one section weighing 400 pounds being hurled like a cannon ball through eight inches of concrete into the office above, another section weighing perhaps 200 pounds being thrown into the dynamo room adjoining the engine room and another fragment weighing 100 pounds being implanted in a nearby wall. Water pipes, ammonia pipes and everything else in the neighborhood was smashed. Perhaps the greatest loss was sustained in the china closet, where a part of the fine ware used in the hotel was stored. The scene there beggars description. The total loss is estimated to be about $4,000.—Charlotte Observer.

Free samples of "Preventics" and a booklet on Colds will be gladly mailed you, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., simply to prove merit. Preventics are little Candy Cold Cure tablets. No Quinine, no Laxative, nothing harmful whatever. Preventics prevent colds—as the name implies—when taken early, or at the "Sneeze Stage." For a seated cold or LaGrippe, break it up safely and quickly with Preventics. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.

LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Great Scheme of Fruit Grower to Render Apples Immune From Frost.

Lexington Dispatch, May 1st.

L. H. Williams who lives on Route No. 1, and conducts a nursery business in connection with his farm, while here Friday told the Dispatch that while he had no peaches, he still had plenty of apples, four varieties of which are just now beginning to bloom. He says that by a method known to himself he has experimented on forcing the blooms back until he has these four varieties of apples so that they will be usually safe from frost. He has failed to do the same with peaches but thinks he can handle strawberries successfully. Mr. Williams has been in the nursery business 35 years, in various parts of the country, here and in the west, and he says if he can perfect his ideas about holding fruit back and forcing the trees to bloom late, his fortune is made.

Some gambler has said that it is a safe move to bet against public opinion. The other day some men were reciting interesting incidents where people successfully acted contrary to the usual mode. One case like this was described. A merchant caught a man stealing goods in his store. Now the average man would have kicked him out and told him if he ever put foot in his store again, he would have him arrested. The merchant mentioned did no such thing. What he did tell him was that if he ever traded anywhere else he would be prosecuted for stealing, and a strong customer was made out of a thief.

A local last week about the danger of the crossing near the Wennonah crossing was approved by several citizens who declare that something must be done. One gentleman thinks that an overhead bridge might be built, or at least could have been built at first. A great many people use that road and danger is real and always present.

Men differ as much on the result of frosts as rhey do on other matters. Some say everything is killed and the wheat ruined, and others say that the cold snap actually helped the wheat. At any rate there will be something to eat and enough apples to have some "ciderile."

Last week Policeman Ford was sent to Fayetteville to take J. M. Sechriest into custody and bring him here on a charge of abandonment. He was placed under a bond of $200 and the case will be left open for 30 days.

Unearthing Land Frauds.

Six secret service operatives are working in western Washington unearthing a series of land frauds that are declared to be more astounding in their far-reaching character than than the discoveries in Oregon or California. A secret service operative in the confidence of President Roosevelt, has just been sent to the coast to take charge of the work and assemble the evidence that has been accumulated for presentation to special officers of the department of justice.—Seattle dispatch.

Let me mail you free, to prove merit, samples of my Dr. Shoop's Restorative, and my book on either Dyspepsia, The Heart, or the Kidneys. Address me, Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Troubles of the Stomach, Heart or Kidneys, are merely symptoms of a deeper ailment. Don't make the common error of treating symptoms only. Symptom treatment is treating the result of your ailment, and not the cause. Weak Stomach nerves—the inside nerves—means Stomach weakness, always. And the Heart, and Kidneys as well, have their controlling or inside nerves. Weaken these nerves and you inevitably have weak vital organs. Here is where Dr. Shoop's Restorative has made its fame. No other remedy even claims to treat the "inside nerves." Also for bloating, biliousness, bad breath or complexion, use Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Write for my free Book now. Dr. Shoop's Restorative sold by Grimes Drug Store.

A Good Buggy Free!

The Watchman's Latest and Biggest Contest Now on.

Will Continue till June 1st.

If you Want a Good Buggy Don't Fail to Get Busy at Once.

The biggest and best proposition in the way of a voting contest ever offered by THE WATCHMAN is herewith set on foot. The conditions are brief and the prize is great. Now is your opportunity to get a splendid one-horse buggy without the outlay of a dime on your part. You want a good buggy and we want to increase the circulation of the WAMCHMAN, hence we inaugurate the followinging voting contest. For every cent paid on subscription one vote will be given, except subscriptions brought in by some one acting as an agent, in which case two votes for each cent paid will be given. Voting coupons with the number of votes to which one is entitled theron will be issued to all who make payments. These coupons must be deposited at the office of the WATCHMAN to be counted and credited to the proper candidates.

No one connected with the WATCHMAN force in any manner will be allowed to enter the contest, but all others now subscribers are invited to help in any manner they can. Work for yourself or help some one else to get it.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUGGY.

We haven't a suitable cut of the buggy which some lucky person will receive at the expiration of this contest, but in a general way we can say that it is a No. 12 Diamond buggy made by the Durant-Dort Carriage Co. It is of the open side bar type and one of the best makes on the market, substantial and first-class in every particular. It can be seen by calling at the Barber Buggy and Wagon Co.'s place of business, on Council street. These gentlemen will take pleasure in showing it and giving any information about it that may be desired. Remember some one will get it without fail. If you want one why not make an effort to get it?

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES.

During this contest we have decided to make the most liberal prices possible for full year subscriptions. They are as follows:

THE WATCHMAN, single subscription, new or renewal.. .75c
" " 2 years, " " " $1.00
In clubs of two or more, 1 year, new or renewal, each. .50c

Those who enter the contest for the main prize, the buggy, will be guided by the above, but should they want other information we will be glad to furnish them with same.

Subscriptions for less than one year will be at the rate of $1.00.

OTHER PRIZES.

Any one who sends us five subscriptions and $2,50, will be given one year's subscription free.

Any one sending us ten subscriptions and $5.00, will be given a copy of the San Francisco Earthquake book. Value $1.50.

THE WALCHMAN will continue as it is with whatever improvement we may be able to make upon it. It asks the support of all good people and will endeavor to merit their patronage.

Subscribers have the privilege of selecting their own candidates. New candidates may be brought out at any time. Vote for whom you wish and as often as possible. The candidate who gets the most votes will be awarded the prize.

The first in the field generally stands a good chance to win, so if you are going to make an effort for the buggy, a word to the wise is sufficient. Any other information furnished upon request. Send all money and communications to

WM. H. STEWART,
Salisbury, N. C.

No Wonder That There Are Fanatics.

I do not wonder that men and women who seriously investigate the temperance question are prone to become what society calls fanatics, and that intemperance appears to them the overshadowing evil of the world. In political life the liquor power, with its thorough organization, is the promoter of corruption, intimidation, and misgovernment. In social life intemperance tends only to demoralization, degradation and ruin. In domestic life it is the prime source of strife, poverty and wretchedness. In the religious life it is the giant antagonist of the purity of Christ's church and the progress of Christ's kingdom. In the life of the civilized world it is the most potent of all known agencies for the blight and ruin of mankind. —From sermon of Rev. E. W. Smith, in Concord Times.

For stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Many remarkable cures have been effected by them. Price 25c. Samples free. For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C.

You Will Live Until You Die.

Microbes in everything you eat and drink, and if you eat and drink microbes you will surely die, and if you don't eat and drink you will most surely die. Bound to surely die in any event, you had better pay no more attention to microbes than our granddads did. They ate and drank everything they wanted and they lived long and prospered. What did Methuselah know about microbes in his time? Eat and drink everything you want, microbes and all, and you will live until you die and that is what Methuselah did.—he lived until he died.—Ex.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Man Makes a Bank of His Trunk and Is Robbed of $1,400.

Stanly Enterprise, May 2nd.

"Only a few peaches, but a good many apples escaped the bad weather in my neighborhood," remarked that observant farmer, M. M. Efird, who lives some four miles west of town.

Julius Parker died at Yuma, Arizona, last week. His remains were brought to New London for interment. He was a son of Captain and Mrs. M. S. Parker, and was well known in this county, in Concord and Charlotte.

A sturgeon weighing 296 pounds was caught in a fish trap a few days ago on the river below Norwood by a Mr. Hampton. This is decidedly the largest "catch" ever known in this section, and that from a fresh water stream. Larger than a large man.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Morris are so very grateful to their friends and the people of Albemarle generally for multiplied kindnesses heaped upon them both, in many ways during Mrs. Morris' late protracted suffering in the hospital in Salisbury, that they are at a loss how to express their gratitude. But they ask us to say to one and all that they deeply appreciate all that was done for them, and especially for repeated sympathy of a material nature.

A rogue has again been in our midst. This time he seems to have gotten quite a pull, and yet there is something strange about it. Henry Arey, who lives about a mile from here, had his money in a trunk in his house, and it was not thought that anyone but the family knew where it was. He had not looked about it for a week or more, when on last Tuesday he looked and to his surprise he was short about $1,400. The family had all been away from the house only once in the last week and that probably not more than an hour. There is no clue yet as to the guilty one.—Richfield correspondence.

One of our well-known citizens has set a good example for others to follow. When any of his children are spending a season away from home, he tells them they may purchase their hats and other articles of dress where they may chance to be; but when they are in Albemarle they must make their investments for these things at home. There many who do a large per cent of their shopping in towns and cities far away from home. Some of them would complain loudly if the home merchant were to withdraw his patronage from the many sources he is expected to call upon at times. It is by patronizing the home enterprise, keeping money at home, being brotherly and cultivating that feeling of love for one's neighbors that will bring to us joys that can not come so long as we manifest a disloyalty to home environments.

Six Negroes Ordered to Leave.

Greensburg, Ind., May 1.—The bitter feeling against negroes as a result of an assault on Mrs. Sefton, an aged white woman, last Saturday night caused a race riot here last night. Six negroes were badly beaten, one of whom may die. The mob was formed by three white men and rapidly increased to 500. Negroes were beaten and warned to leave town. No arrests were made.

He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take $500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alterative and body builder; sure cure for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Appearance of Winged Ants Cause Prophets to Hold Forth.

Statesville Landmark, April 30th.

Mrs. D. Oestricher and little son, Ervin, of Salisbury, were guests of Mrs. Sol. Simon, Sunday.

Messrs. H. Lee Lazenby and Oscar Morrison, who have positions in Salisbury, were here Sunday with home folks.

At least one man in Statesville believes with Col. John Temple Graves, of Georgia, that the thing for the Democrats to do next year is to nominate Roosevelt for President. J. H. McAlwee is advocating the Graves theory.

Miss Connie Williamson, who was so seriously ill at the college for several days with pneumonia, has about recovered. Yesterday she went to her home at Mooresville, accompanied by her mother.

There were 43 additions to the First Methodist church Sunday. This gives a total of 149 received into the church by the present pastor. Of those joining Sunday a notable feature was the number of adults, with a preponderance of men.

Yesterday large numbers of winged ants came out of the ground along the streets and sidewalks. One prophet said he had noticed this for years and that it was a sure and certain sign of spring, while another said it was a sure sign of rain. Probably both are right.

Mrs. Jane Hughey, wife of the late Morrison Hughey, died rather suddenly Saturday afternoon at her home in Cool Spring township from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were conducted at Fifth Creek church yesterday by Rev. Wilhelm and the interment was in a graveyard there.

Rev. W. C. Brown has resigned as pastor of Concord, New Salem and Clio Presbyterian churches and his resignation has been accepted. Mr. Brown will go to Fayetteville Presbytery to take charge of what is known as the Raeford group of churches. He has been pastor at Concord church for ten years, is very much beloved by his congregations and his resignation was accepted with extreme reluctance.

Clyde A. Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Stevenson, of Atlanta, graduated in medicine at the Atlanta School of Medicine last week and was one of six members of a large class who received certificates for the highest proficiency. Mr. Stevenson was reared in Statesville and is a grandson of Mrs. R. M. Allison. He has many friends here who will be glad to know that he has graduated with honor in his chosen profession.

Institutes for Farmers.

The agricultural department is making very complete arrangements for its summer series of county institutes for farmers. These will cover more than two-thirds of the State, and very great care is to be taken in making up a strong corps of field workers to conduct them. The department is very much gratified by the fact that from year to year interest in and attendance at these institutes has increased. The work of arrangement is entrusted to State Veterinarian Butler.—Raleigh correspondence Charlotte Observer.

A Hard Debt to Pay.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both of the lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equaled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.