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## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### A Wreck on the Western. Statesvillians Come Down to see a Ball Game.

Statesville Landmark, July 3-5.

Mrs. W. F. Kirkman died yesterday afternoon at her home five miles north of town and will be buried today at Trinity graveyard.

The vacancy on the board of county commissioners caused by the death of M. F. Nesbit was filled last week by the appointment of D. E. Turner, of Mooresville. Under the law the clerk of the Superior Court is authorized to fill vacancies on the board of commissioners and J. A. Harbess last week appointed Mr. Turner.

Mrs. Sallie Johnston White, widow of the late John W. White died Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at her home on east Broad street. Mrs. White had been in feeble health for several months and for a week before death her condition was critical. Mrs. White was a daughter of the late Cook Johnston and was 60 years old last month.

While running at high speed about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, nine cars of an east-bound freight train were derailed at a point on the Western road one and a quarter miles east of the Catawba river, nine miles west of Statesville, and as a result W. H. Bible, of Midway, Tenn., is in the sanitarium here painfully injured, about 5,000 chickens, ducks and turkeys are dead or injured, four cars are demolished and the road bed was so badly damaged that traffic was delayed several hours. The cause of the wreck is yet to be determined. The car containing Mr. Bible was one of the first to leave the track and the others piled on it, mashing poultry into jelly and covering Mr. Bible beneath the huge pile of flesh and splintered wood and iron. As soon as the train stopped the trainmen rushed to the chicken cars. When they saw the sickening sight of blood and flesh they decided that Mr. Bible was dead. But a few minutes later groans were heard and after moving part of the debris a foot was discovered and a little later the injured man was pulled from his perilous position. The trainmen and section hands began work at once to clear the track and the spectators watched 1,000 to 2,000 chickens, ducks and turkeys, of the lot of 17,000, that had escaped unhurt, or were only slightly injured, scatter over the river bottom and the woods. Many of the people near by caught some of the chickens and carried them home, and it is said that some of the ducks made their way to the river nearby and left by water.

Statesville was almost a closed town yesterday on account of the Fourth. The patriotic merchants suspended entirely; the drug stores and postoffice observed Sunday hours.

The Southern Power Company is having some trouble in obtaining the right of way for its lines to Statesville and the trouble seems to be located at or in the vicinity of Oswalt, this county.

Arrangements have been made for a preliminary survey of the Statesville Air Line railroad from Statesville to Mt. Airy. A competent surveyor has been secured and will begin his work in about a month.

Judge A. L. Coble has returned from Alamance county, where he was called last week on account of the illness of his father, W. L. Coble. Mr. Coble is 80 years old and very feeble, but his condition is very encouraging and it is thought that he will regain his usual strength in a few weeks.

W. H. Bible, who was injured in the freight wreck near the Catawba river Sunday, and who is at the sanitarium for treatment, is getting along nicely and will probably be able to go to his home at Midway, Tenn., in a few days. Mrs. Bible arrived a few days ago and will remain with her husband until he is able to go home.

## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### Some Blockaders are Caught Red-handed. Negroes Celebrate the 4th.

Concord Times, July 5th.

J. G. Coggins, who has been here with Sills & Klutz for some time, will leave today for Crescent, where he goes to take charge of the wood-working plant of the Crescent Manufacturing Co.

The ice factory broke down Tuesday, and has been unable to turn out any ice since.

Mrs. W. D. Pemberton will go to Salisbury today for treatment in the hospital there.

The negroes had a big hulla-balloo yesterday, July 4. The band played, the firemen paraded, and they had a big time generally. Later in the afternoon there was a big barbecue at Smith's Grove.

The picnic at Mooresville for the benefit of the Barium Springs Orphanage will be held July 25.

A team driven by John Carwell, and belonging to Concord parties, was held up by revenue officers last week. The officers met up with the wagon about five miles from Mt. Pleasant on the Salisbury road. 800 bottles of beer and three gallons of whiskey was found to be in the wagon. Carwell was arrested and tried before Capt. Jonas Cook, at Mt. Pleasant, and placed in jail to await court. Will Smarr, colored, was also caught red-handed. He had concealed in a load of hay 25 gallons of whiskey in jugs of from one to four gallons each. The law does not permit the seizure of a wagon and team unless vessels holding five gallons or more are found on it, consequently nothing could be done, but Smarr beat a hasty retreat nevertheless.

### Railway Case Concluded.

Ashville, July 6.—The railway rate case hearing, which was begun in this city before Judge Pritchard in the United States Circuit Court June 26, was concluded this afternoon and Judge Pritchard will render his decision in the Virginia case at Richmond Wednesday. The case against the corporation commission of Virginia is somewhat different from that against the same body of North Carolina, in that the attorneys for the railways in the former State raised the point of jurisdiction.

The report has gone abroad in Iredell recently that Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Kansas cyclone who has been operating in Charlotte and Salisbury the past few days, is a native of Iredell county, or is descended from Iredell people. So far the Landmark has been unable to verify this fact and we have no special desire to find it as a fact. It true it might result in the old lady paying Iredell a visit.

The Southern Railway Co., doesn't seem to know or forget what a drawing card Salisbury is on the Fourth of July. Yesterday the 800 reduced-rate tickets were all sold and the agent had to use regular straight tickets to supply the demand. The attraction at Salisbury was a game of baseball (?). Only about half this number of tickets were sold to Hickory, where Statesville's own team was contesting for honors with Lenoir. Some people like highballs better than baseball.

### Best Medicine in the World for Colic and Diarrhoea.

"I find Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to be the best in the world," says Mr. C. L. Carter, of Skirum, Ala. "I am subject to colic and diarrhoea. Last spring it seemed as though I would die, and I think I would if I hadn't taken Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I haven't been troubled with it since until this week, when I had a very severe attack and took half a bottle of the 25 cent size of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and this morning I feel like a new man." For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C.

## STATE NEWS.

### Items of Various Moods From Every Quarter of Interest to All.

Dick Watson, a cotton mill operative at Rhodhiss, while assisting in floating a balloon in Hickory on the Fourth was accidentally killed by a large pole falling on him. It was a sad ending of the celebration at Hickory.

Oscar M. Maye, of Wilmington, while connecting some phone wires, July 3rd, fell across two live wires. The calves of his legs were burned to the bone and it may be they will have to be amputated. His rescue was due to a colored physician who telephoned to the power plant to cut off the current and to the fire department to bring a ladder and take the wounded man down.

At an election held within the borders of the contemplated county of Lee, the vote was by a large majority affirmative, so thus advised by the canvassing board, Governor Glenn, on the Fourth of July, proclaimed the formation of said county with all the rights, powers and duties of other counties.

High Point is figuring on a bank building that will be the highest structure in the State.

Arrangements are being made to put in a water works system for Shelby. Laying of the pipes will begin soon.

A negro by the name of Charlie Witherspoon was captured last Thursday by Sheriff T. E. Shuford, of Shelby. Witherspoon has been wanted for some time for retailing.

There was a quite serious hail storm in Surry county one day last week.

The little town of Randleman has arranged to have electric lights in the near future.

Tom Watts, colored, was drowned in the Lumber river, while in bathing near Lumberton last Friday.

Sam Smith, of High Point, was picked up near the railroad tracks at Greensboro Thursday night. His skull was crushed and his body badly bruised. It is thought he was struck by a train. He died soon afterward.

Charley Miller, a negro, entered the home of C. E. Nowell, in Asheville Friday night. He rubbed against the bed and awakened Mrs. Nowell. Mr. Nowell jumped up and scuffled with the negro and managed to hold him until the police were phoned for, arrived and took the prisoner to the lock-up. Miller has a bad reputation and will be tried for his life.

There are 290 convicts on the State farm on the Roanoke river near Weldon. 224 divided in three gangs assisting in the work of double tracking the Atlantic Coast Line between Weldon and Wilmington, 85 at work on the Wilkesboro-Jefferson turnpike and 118 in the State penitentiary at Raleigh. The State now obtains \$1.50 per day for the service of each man hired out.

An unknown negro jumped off a freight train at Little Saturday night, threw open a switch and caused a passenger train to collide with the freight. A dining car and a passenger coach were wrecked and the caboose on the freight was smashed. The negro made his escape but was caught at Weldon later.

Ed. Wills, colored, shot and severely wounded his step-son at High Point Friday night.

### Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. E. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee by all druggists. Price 50c.

## ASHBY HAS A HEARING.

### Remanded to Jail without Bail to Await Trial at the August Court.

Ed Ashby, the slayer of Dan Overcash, was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate H. J. Overman in the court house here July 8th. Ashby does not seem a man of ordinary intelligence, and as may be seen by what follows, that his plea will be self-defense.

The following is the report sent to the Charlotte Observer by Mr. Bost: Dr. Rose Dorsett, the ubiquitous coroner, was the first witness who declared that the death of Overcash was caused by a gunshot wound entering the neck below right ear and ranging downward and diagonally across the body. The neck was broken and death was instant. W. D. Pethel, a brother-in-law, was next up but was no eye witness to anything except the ground and his testimony was not allowed.

Mrs. Minnie Overcash, wife of the dead man, was next called. She saw her husband the last time about 15 minutes before 9 o'clock and the tragedy occurred at 9 o'clock thereabouts. She declared her husband had no pistol except a .22 calibre which was left at home. Her son, Ernest, gave the same story, both agreeing that Reese Pethel, about whose wife the tragedy developed, and Pethel's wife had walked off with his father and 15 minutes later the shot was heard. When they went there, nobody was with the body. The deceased had fallen face foremost with his hands under him. The boy, Overcash, went very much further into the matter and declared that he and his father had gone over to Ashby's Thursday preceding the homicide on Sunday and heard the cries of Ashby's wife, Overcash's sister. The father asked him what was the matter and Ashby said: "None of your d-d business," and drew a gun on the deceased. On Friday he heard Ashby say he intended to kill his father. The cross-examination riddled this story and made the boy admit that he had not told it on the coroner's trial.

Jess Russell gave most damaging testimony as to threats. He said Ashby came to his house Friday after the quarrel Thursday and said: "If I could have gotten some shells yesterday I would have gotten me a man." He then told of Overcash's coming to his home and being ordered away. Ernest Overcash had testified that Ashby drew his gun. Russell declared Ashby said he would get the damned S— of a B— yet. Cross-examined he said he was not asked these questions at the coroner's inquest.

Reese Pethel's testimony for the State was damaging to the prosecution. He said Overcash armed himself when witness told the deceased Ashby's story about relations between Overcash and Pethel's wife. Overcash said he would have to take it back. Witness did not see tragedy but saw Overcash advance commanding Ashby to "Take it back," and Ashby warned Overcash, "Stop Dan, don't come on me." Then he shot. Ashby had his gun in the thicket. Witness did not see Overcash's pistol, nor did the other witnesses, Vergie Overcash and Edna Rogers, who had heard Ashby make threats.

Klutz, for defense, argued that the State had failed to make out a case of murder and defendant introduced no testimony. He asked for a small bond, Carlton replied briefly that malice is always presumed in cases of assault with deadly weapons and that a magistrate could not settle the matter as the defense had not introduced testimony to show self-defense. Mr. Overman agreed that the case was not bailable according to the evidence.

Columbus just landed; meeting a big Indian chief with a package under his arm he asked what it was. "Great medicine, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea," said the Injun. 85 cents, Tea or Tablets. T. W. Grimes Drug Co.

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

### Mrs. Patterson Entertains, B. W. Hatcher's death Fire at Mt. Gilead.

Stanly Enterprise, July 4th.

The district conference of the Salisbury district will be held at New London next week beginning on Thursday.

Travis V. Jenkins of Salisbury, becomes owner of the City Meat Market, under purchase from H. B. Howie. Travis is a good fellow and he will do his best to give the market correct attention.

Prof. E. F. Eddins was re-elected county superintendent of public instruction Monday. He will conduct the regular public examination for teachers, beginning on the second Thursday in July.

G. W. Melton of Mt. Gilead informs us that fire in that town early Sunday morning entirely consumed the harness shop and store of Elam Russell. Loss about \$1000 with \$850 insurance on stock. The heroic work of the bucket brigade kept the fire from spreading.

A certain tender youth of sixteen summers taking his first buggy ride with his girl last Sunday had driven four miles before discovering that the hind wheels of the buggy were in front and the front wheels behind. Moral: "Be careful boys when you grease your spindles for the first ride in life."—Union Grove correspondent.

Mrs. A. L. Patterson on Monday evening, delightfully entertained in honor of Miss Alice Kizer and Susie Whitehead of Salisbury. The broad porch and pretty lawn of the Patterson home were gay with Japanese lanterns. That the evening was thoroughly enjoyed could easily be seen from the continuous laughter that rang throughout the evening air. Miss Myrtle Pemberton was declared the prettiest girl present by votes of the boys and received a pretty hat-pin for the attraction. In progressive hearts, Gregory Mabry proved himself the best proposer, for which he received a lover's knot stick pin.

B. W. Hatcher for years the Grand Lecturer for the Satte of North Carolina for the Masonic lodge, died suddenly on Monday at his home on First Street. He had been failing health for several months and had given up his work as lecturer in the early part of the year. While he was known to be quite feeble, yet the end was not expected, and he was apparently recovering from an operation that was performed by his brother Dr. Thos. R. Hatcher of Ross Hill, N.C., and Dr. Hall the local physician. He had arisen from his couch, but soon fell back, life having succumbed to his weak condition and a failure of his heart. By order of the Grand Worshipful Master R. E. Austin deputy Grand Worshipful Master was authorized to convey the Grand Lodge of Masons. This took place at Salisbury yesterday morning, where the remains were taken for interment. Masons from all parts of the State took part in the ceremony, and hundreds of friends bowed in memory of the good man and his works as the twig of cedar was dropped on his sleeping form. Quite a delegation of Masons and friends of the deceased accompanied the remains to Salisbury, interment taking place at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Stanley, wherever that may be, will have a grand celebration on the 18th instant. Governor Glenn will be present and deliver an address.

Free, for Catarrh, just to prove merit, a Trial size Box of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Let me send it now. It is a snow white, creamy, healing, antiseptic balm. Containing such healing ingredients as Oil Eucalyptus, Thymol, Menthol, etc., it gives instant and lasting relief to Catarrh of the nose and throat. Make the free test and see for yourself what this preparation can and will accomplish. Address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Large jars 50 cents. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### No School Election, More Railroad Work, An Automobile Line.

Lexington Dispatch, July 3rd.

The police say more whiskey and beer came in Saturday night from Salisbury than has come in on any one night in months. Of course it was carried in, as it cannot be shipped. No. 12 was loaded, but the conductor said that his passengers between here and Salisbury gave him no trouble. They were a pretty sober lot, notwithstanding their large packages of booze. This may be a result of the new law which gives conductors police power and makes it a misdemeanor to take a drink, get drunk or disturb the peace on a train.

Wade H. Phillips has received his commission as captain of the Lexington military company succeeding Capt. H. H. Springs, resigned. Sergeant W. J. Smith becomes second lieutenant to succeed Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Bell, Lane Bros. manager here, tells The Dispatch that the bidding is open for the construction of the Carolina Valley railroad from Thomasville to High Point, and the successful bidder will be announced the last of this week. The work being bid on embraces the rebuilding of two miles of the old Jones road, and the construction of the road between High Point and Thomasville, which is to be an electric line.

Taking up the matter of a steel bridge at Beeson's mill, in Abbotts Creek; the County commissioners found four bidders, the lowest of whom was the Roanoke Bridge Co., the bid being \$1,550. This firm got the contract and gives a \$2,000 bond. The bridge is to be of steel and over 100 feet long.

The most important matter before the commissioners was the question of calling an election for special tax for schools, in accordance with an act which has been published in The Dispatch. The provisions of it were that the election should be held in August, in every township, and the tax would be in force in those townships where it was voted. The commissioners were asked to call the election, but the proposition aroused strenuous opposition, and the board decided not to call the election.

There has been a large arbor built at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage for the purpose of holding the annual meetings. We believe at least 3,000 people can be seated under this arbor. It will be used this year for the great annual meeting. The annual meeting at the Orphanage will be Wednesday, July 10th, and the largest crowd of people that has been in Thomasville in many a day will be here.

Thursday about noon, Ed. Clodfelter, a prosperous farmer living about two miles southeast of Thomasville, had the misfortune to lose his home by fire. Just as dinner was served one of his children discovered fire in the comb on the main part of the house. The fire originated from a spark of fire falling on the roof from the kitchen fire.

D. K. Cecil, the contractor, has a contract to build an addition to the Coolemees cotton mills which is to be 200 feet long and 75 wide, and one story high. He has a force over there already making brick for the job.

The corporation commission has ordered that the law in regard to working railway telegraphers but eight hours a day be enforced at a number of points, among others at Thomasville, on the block between Spencer and Lexington, Spencer, Salisbury, etc. This means that instead of two men, the railroad will have to have three, each doing a trick of eight hours instead 12, as heretofore. We know the telegraphers are pleased.

There is talk of an automobile line between here and Winston. It is proposed that an auto be op-

## OUR HONOR ROLL.

### The Names of a Number of Good People Recently Added to Our List.

The following good people have either renewed or subscribed to the WATCHMAN since our last report:

J. E. Gaither, J. E. Shuping, H. J. Shuping, J. F. McCubbins, C. F. McBride, A. W. Shuping, M. A. Deal, Oscar Nesbit, Mrs. Murtle Kerr, Geo. H. Shaver, R. F. Fleming, V. Cook, Moses Starnes, D. D. Alexander, W. A. Sides, G. T. Bernhardt, W. D. Pethel, M. A. Weaver, A. L. Powlas, J. S. Watson, J. A. Yost, L. W. Safrir, D. H. Thompson, Miss M. H. Cross, W. L. Beck, Benj. Brady, J. A. Ray.

### David County Items.

Mocksville Courier, July 4th.

Wards Chapel on Farmington circuit will be dedicated the 2nd Sunday in July at 11 a. m. by Rev. M. H. Vestal. Everybody invited.

Miss Edith Clement of Norfolk, Va., daughter of the late Capt. W. A. Clement of this place, was married Tuesday, June 25th to Mr. Kenneth, of Norfolk, Va. A long and happy life is our wish for them.

Mrs. R. P. Clingman died at her home in Winston-Salem last Friday in her 88th year. Mrs. Clingman was a woman of splendid Christian character, she was the daughter of the late F. B. Ward of Farmington. The remains were interred at Bethlehem church this county on Saturday. Mrs. Clingman leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss.

### Wolves Past of Texas.

"Wolves are getting to be such a pest in Texas that the Legislature recently passed a scalp law giving a bounty for each one slain," said Representative Barleson of the Lone Star State.

"Our sheep and goat breeders have suffered great losses through the depredations on their flocks. Not long since I lost seven fine Angoras in one day, and unless some immunity from the miserable wolves can be had it is useless to keep in the business of breeding animals for them to destroy. The wolves are of two kinds—the small gray timber wolf and the big black wolf which revels in killing sheep and young calves. They are equally cunning in evading schemes aimed at their destruction. Some sort of intuition tells them to let alone a piece of poisoned meat. Then after making breakfast from a slaughtered lamb, Mr. Wolf will start for pastures new and by nightfall will be thirty miles distant from scene of his morning crime." —Washington Post.

erated twice a day between these points. During the summer when the roads are good this could easily be done and it looks like it would pay.

A Mocksville report says that J. W. and W. R. Felker cut and shocked over 800 shocks of wheat and rye on 80 acres in 8 1-2 days with three horses and a six foot binder, without other help. The writer never did anything like this, being a town dude, and doesn't know if it is a good job or not, but it sounds big and must be worth telling again.

Rev. Dr. John H. Grey, former pastor in Lexington and later in Salisbury, is supplying the Davidson charge during the summer in the absence of the regular pastor.

W. Lee Harbin, the well-known Lexington contractor and builder, has been awarded the contract for building the new Hay Street Methodist church in Fayetteville. This edifice is to be a thoroughly modern church building and will cost upwards of \$80,000.

### The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills, are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at all druggists.