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## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

### Becky Ann Jones, Stanly's Humorous Writer Visits Salisbury.

Stanly Enterprise, August 15th.

The Stanly county Sunday School convention will be held at Albemarle on Thursday and Friday, September 5th and 6th.

A storm Friday blew down a barn of Fillmore Whitley, the residence of Martin Hahn, with several outbuildings, as well as uprooting trees and damaging crops.

The passenger fare on the train from Albemarle to Salisbury is 69 cents under the new rate law. The rate between points can always be obtained by multiplying the exact mileage between stations by 2 1/2. The fare from Concord to Salisbury is now about 92 cents.

The telegraph operators along the Yadkin railroad, excepting the operator at Rockwell, have joined the strike ordered by C. T. U., so far as the Western Union is concerned, no work having been handled since Monday. The strike is a broad one and is seriously effecting business at many points.

The Stanly Confederate veterans will hold their annual reunion, this year, at Plyler, Thursday, August 22, in the grove of Friendship M. P. church. A noted orator will address the crowds, and everything will be done to give everybody a good time.

Becky Ann Jones writes the Enterprise as follows:

Well, Mr. Editor, I 'lowed it wern't no earthly use to be poor an' act the same way, so when I got to Salisbury, I went to wone of them hifalutin hotels, where servants slip a cheer under you when you go to set down to the table, and stands at your back red-dy to do any thing you axe 'em. Bless Patty! I thought I was too late for supper, cause there wern't a blessed thing on that table 'ceptin' a few tiny little dishes of stuff stuck rite around a couple Dudes plates. I no they was dudes for they was jest like the descripti'n that Gov. Glenn give of 'em that day up there at the corner-stone layin'—wawkin' sticks, big, floppy britches and awl. I was about to axe 'em what they ment by takin' possession of everything on the table, when a nice clean-lookin' yaller man warin' a purty white apem and cap, handed me a strip of paper which I precluded was a duu for a bill of groceries. Sez I: "My good friend, I ain't the persin you want. I don't o you a red cent; have jest now got here." "Bill of fare, mam; what shall I bring for your supper?" sed he. Well, I allers was quick to ketch on to a thing, and I seen into it all at once, red that paper and told him what to bring me. Purty soon here come a servant with a big tray full of stuff—awl I had ordered and a hole lot more, and I persevered to get outside of a good part of it. One of them dudes got threw and went out, and I sot there eatin' and wishin' that the other one would get out too. But no sir, he wanted to tawk and I actilly had to give him a pease of my mind before I got rid of him. I jest wished Jeems cud a hearn him. My! My!

### Had an Awful Time, But Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Cured Him.

It is with pleasure that I give you this unsolicited testimonial. About a year ago when I had a severe case of measles I got caught out in a hard rain and the measles settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time and had it not been for the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not have possibly lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy I am now strong and well. I have written the above through simple gratitude and I shall always speak a good word for this remedy.—Sam H. Gwin, Concord, Ga. For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, N. C.

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### Rev. J. H. Gray Goes to Mt. Airy. Rev. Preston Speaks. Barn Burned.

Lexington Dispatch, August 14th.

The bond issue of \$10,000, ordered sometime ago, to supplement the street improvement funds, was sold Saturday to the Bank of Lexington, which was the highest bidder. The price was \$10,025.

Sunday night the barn of Jordan Shutt, who lives near Arcadia, was burned. The origin of the fire is not known. About 100 bushels of wheat and 75 bushels of corn were burned, besides other feedstuffs. The animals were gotten out. Mr. Shutt had no insurance, unfortunately, and the loss is heavy.

Rev. John H. Gray has been called to the Presbyterian church at Mt. Airy. He was once pastor in Lexington and has many friends here. He served the First church in Salisbury and is now preaching once a month at Davidson. Following his service at Salisbury he broke down in health but is now strong again. The work at Mt. Airy consists of a church in town and the one at Flat Rock, near town.

Dr. G. L. Leyburn, of the Presbyterian Church announced Sunday that Rev. J. F. Preston, a missionary to-night in the Presbyterian church. He is said to be a very able man, thrally conversant with the situation in Korea, and those who attend this service will be amply repaid.

Monday morning Sheriff T. S. F. Dorsett and W. O. Burgin had some differences at the post-office and for a moment engaged in a lively fight, during which a large plate glass in the postoffice front was smashed. Both gentlemen immediately submitted to the mayor, expressed their regret over their display of temper, agreed to replace the glass and were fined \$1 each and the costs.

The new railway rate law, which went into effect the 8th, has aroused a great deal of curiosity. The law abolishes the second class fare and makes all rates first class. The rebate of 25 cents which has been in vogue on trains when you failed to purchase a ticket, is also abolished, and now when you have no ticket, you are charged ten cents and the conductor keeps it, giving no rebate slip.

Under an old arrangement with the railroads, miners have received a rate of 2 cents a mile. They carried a permit and on its presentation, they secured the low rate. But the minimum fare to any point was 25 cents, and now, under the new law, where the fare is less than 25 cents and a minister shows his permit, he is charged 25 cents. For instance, it is 18 cents to Linwood, or 23 to Thomasville. Ministers will save money by keeping their permits in their pockets and paying the regular fare at such times.

A little child of Lucy Owens, colored, was killed in a horrible manner Thursday afternoon at the crossing of Marble alley and Salisbury street. The child, who was about four or five years old, was with another colored youngster, was beating a ride on the wagon, which was being driven by Dave Slick an uncle of the Owens boy. The wagon was loaded with crushed rock and was very heavy. Striking a little rise, the boy lost his foothold and fell under the wagon. The wheels ran directly over his skull and crushed the life out of him.

### Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Better Than Three Doctors.

Three years ago we had three doctors with our little boy and everything that they could do seemed in vain. At last when all hope seemed to be gone we began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in a few hours he began to improve. Today he is as healthy a child as parents could wish for.—Mrs. B. Johnston, Linton, Miss. For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, N. C.

## THE THIRD ANNUAL FAIR, 1873.

### A Gala Occasion of 34 Years Ago Recalled. An Old Premium List.

We have before us a copy of the premium list of the "Third Annual Fair of the Western North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association," held in Salisbury October 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1873. We have since then had several county fairs, but now that we are to have a fair embracing the adjoining counties, something of similarity and also interest in the one of the seventies and the one close at hand is found. The old fair certainly brought in the crowds and was a success as fairs went in those days. Whether it was in 1873 or later that we had the pleasure of attending the fair, we shall never forget the impression made there. The whole world was then new to us, but fairs in particular. Everybody seemed to be doing something, everybody was happy and big-hearted, the candy was the best ever, the red lemonade was plentiful and everything was grand—with the bands playing, the bunting flying, the races going and the crowds surging an ideal gala occasion was presented, the memory of which can never be effaced. May the new fair touch the heart and create unbounded joy as did the one of old.

Among the premiums given, in 1873, the highest paid was \$100 "for the fastest trotter, best three out of five, half-mile heats." \$363 were given on horses and mules, \$38 on cattle, \$35 on sheep, \$55 on swine, \$390 on races, \$46 on poultry, agricultural products raised by the exhibitor \$116, on growing crops \$90, horticulture \$55, domestic articles \$76, mechanical implements \$229, manufactured articles \$106, miscellaneous articles displayed in Floral Hall \$125.50, making the total paid in premiums, \$1,346.50.

The officers for that year were: Samuel H. Wiley, president; M. L. Holmes, vice-president; P. P. Meroney, 2nd vice-president; L. Blackmer and S. R. Harrison, finance committee, and B. F. Rogers secretary and treasurer. W. B. Mears, superintendent of trials of speed; J. C. Miller, Superintendent of live stock department; M. J. Holmes, superintendent of agricultural and horticultural department; P. A. Freercks, superintendent of mechanical implements; P. P. Meroney, superintendent of manufactured articles; J. W. Hall, superintendent of floral hall, and J. K. Burke was superintendent of the poultry department. There is much in this old volume that goes to show how Time gets in his work on the minds and physique of man. Only three of the above officers are living today—Messrs. Meroney, Harrison and Freercks.

In the horse, mule and cattle lists no special breeds are required, just best and second best, etc. The poultry named was "white-faced black Spanish chickens," "brama putras," "cochin china," "white darlings" and "game chickens," which gives an idea of what was then considered the finest breeds of chickens. In the domestic and miscellaneous departments the lists call for such things as corn, beef, cheese, wines, sweet cider, apple vinegar, noma-made soap, bolt onaburgs, piece carpeting, harness, boots, shoes, household furniture, leather, cotton jeans, quilts, jellies, cakes, dried fruits, knit, woven and crocheted counterpanes, the good old home knit socks and stockings, (some of the latter most likely of the cross striped variety) and so on down the line, many of which are now of the past, gladly and foolishly discarded for the cheap, gaudy makeshifts of today, poor substitutes indeed for the things and joys of the days of the trundle bed and home-made living.

To further show the changes that have come over the old town, let us give a list of the advertisers in this volume. Note the absence of many of them: Theo. F. Klutz, druggist; Mock & Brown, general merchants; L. V. Brown,

## BLACK BRUTE ATTACKS WHITE WOMAN.

### Mrs. D. W. Kesler the Victim. Negro Makes Good His Escape.

Last Wednesday morning and at the Dutch Second Creek bridge, was the time and place of a dastardly attack upon the person of Mrs. Kesler, wife of D. W. Kesler, highly respected citizens of the county. Mrs. Kesler has been living in Salisbury until about the middle of June, when she moved to the residence of H. R. Kesler's 8 1/2 miles from Salisbury in Providence township. She had left the house and was going to Tyack's store, when, as she approached the bridge over Dutch Second creek, on the Stoke's ferry road, an unknown negro man suddenly made his appearance, and, presenting a vial containing a liquid, demanded that she drink it or submit to an outrage. She drank the unknown contents, turned and ran through a cane-brake closely followed by the negro. He caught her some distance below the bridge and threw her into the creek. She succeeded in getting out of the water but did not go far before becoming exhausted and unconscious, in which condition she remained in her water-soaked clothing some four or five hours. Upon awakening she was somewhat bewildered, but succeeded in making her way back to the house, where, after relating her experience she fainted and was not fully restored to her normal condition until Dr. C. M. Poole had given her medical attention and treatment. Of course Mrs. Kesler does not know what took place during her unconscious state, but after full restoration to her normal state she states positively that nothing more occurred than narrated above.

The officers were notified of the crime and they, with many private citizens, made most diligent efforts to locate and capture the criminal, but so far without success.

Mrs. Kesler did not know the negro and is unable to give a description of him sufficiently accurate to lead to his identity. There is only one colored family living in that neighborhood, but as they are known no suspicion rests upon the male member thereof. The general opinion is that the man was tramping through the county, probably from Whitney to Salisbury or Concord and was a total stranger throughout the neighborhood if not the entire county. It is well for him that he has not been caught.

Mrs. Kesler and family have returned to Salisbury and are now making their home with Esq. J. C. Kesler on North Long street.

### A Valuable Lesson.

"Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson," writes John Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. "I then began taking Dr. King's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them." They please everybody. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

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### Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra county. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

## TALK OF A NEW COURT HOUSE.

### All the Lawyers and Some Merchants Favor It. Plans Accepted.

At the last meeting of the County Commissioners one Wilbur, an architect and clever gentleman, came near occupying most of the time of the commissioners in the elucidation of some plans and specifications which he had drawn for a court house, also, incidentally of course, in making an effort to secure the acceptance of same at the small figure of \$2,250, which may represent a whole month of his valuable time. The Commissioners, good, clever, honest gentlemen that they are, men who can tell at a glance, the exact proportion and best methods for the erection of a mule-pen or a cow-stall, without much delay consulting judges, solicitors and others, who have traveled from temple to temple for many years and would most likely have some opinions that would be worth while, accepted the plans for a new court house with scarcely more consideration, and that without a dollar in the county treasury wherewith to pay for them, to say nothing of a court house.

In fact Rowan is getting into a desperate situation financially. \$12,000, or more, we are told, will have to be borrowed to clear up the jail account. We are also informed that not one cent, beyond the interest, has ever been paid on the Yadkin railway bonds, and even the sinking fund, which the law requires shall be raised for the payment of these township bonds upon maturity has been used by the county for an entirely different purpose. The \$25,000 in bonds, recently issued to pay off floating indebtedness, may soon look like small figures if the people longer remain indifferent to the county's financial welfare.

The agitation for a new court house seems to have originated through the uncleanly condition in which the present building is kept, particularly the court room. The desire for cleanliness is a worthy one, but we fear if the present building is not, or cannot be kept clean, that a new one would be like throwing pearls before swine. Another reason given is that the present building is situated too near the street and the noises made by passing wagons and other things disturbs the court and retards its progress. There is good reason in this, but it is not without a remedy, partially at least. Efforts have before now been made to induce the commissioners to assist in the laying of asphalt or other substance on the adjoining streets that would do much toward destroying the noises complained of. Another reason set forth for a new structure is that it would look better, help the appearance of the town, etc. There is no doubt about this. This argument is all right for the sentimentalists, some of whom might put it into practice around their own premises, but how many prudent, conservative men have we who will give the second, third or fourth mortgage to improve his dwelling merely for the sake of looks?

At a recent meeting of the bar association 14 of its members voted an endorsement of the idea, and at a meeting of the Merchants' Association, Thursday night, with only a few members present, a resolution, (very likely a ringing resolution,) was passed recommending that the county commissioners erect a new court house that would cost not less than \$75,000. But of course there was no offer to furnish the money. What ever extra may be necessary to raise this amount, as far as they are concerned will be cheerfully paid by adding it to the cost of the goods you may buy of them. Somewhat of a Rockefeller trick, eh?

To recapitulate, those said to be in favor of the project, we have: County Commissioners (five) 5 Lawyers, (fourteen) 14 Merchants, (probably fifteen) 25 Grand total 44 Inhabitants of the county, about 35,000. Who should rule?

## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### Automobile and Buggies Doing Service as Hymeneal Affairs.

Statesville Landmark, August 13th, 16th.

J. Albert Harbin died at his home on Race street Tuesday night about 9 o'clock after an illness of several months from heart trouble.

Dr. James Young died yesterday at his home at Mooresville, aged about 40 years. He had been in bad health for several years. He leaves a family and one brether, John Young.

James S. Turner and Miss Mamie Lee Fowler were married yesterday afternoon about six o'clock near Bostian bridge, two miles west of town, while sitting in an automobile, Rev. Frank Siler officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party returned to Statesville and Mr. and Mrs. Turner left on the 7 o'clock train for a brief visit to Charlotte.

C. V. Henkel, who returned this week from a visit to Lenoir and Blowing Rock, says a movement is on foot to grade and macadamize a road from Lenoir to Blowing Rock, a distance of 22 miles. It is estimated that the work will cost about \$65,000 and it is the purpose to organize a company to build the road as a toll line. Stock is now being subscribed and it is believed the plan will be successfully carried through.

The survey of the line of the Statesville Air Line railroad was begun yesterday morning. The route surveyed yesterday follows the Taylorsville road to Bloomfield and then runs north via R. W. Orr's place. About five miles of the proposed line was surveyed yesterday and the surveying party returned to Statesville to spend the night. They will pitch their tents at the Five Mile branch tomorrow evening.

Wm. L. Leaster and Miss Besie Byers, both of Eufola, were married yesterday about noon by Justice W. R. Sloan, while they sat in their buggy at the home of Mr. Sloan on east Front street. The bride and groom, accompanied by a number of young people, drove to Statesville yesterday morning and after getting Mr. Sloan's promise to marry them at the noon hour at his home, proceeded to drive around until the time arrived, and then drove to Mr. Sloan's home and had him tie the knot while they sat in their buggy.

William M. Cooper, one of the most prominent business men of Statesville and one of the town's wealthiest citizens, died Sunday night at 10:40, at his home on Walnut street, after an illness of several months. Mr. Cooper's death had been expected for some time and all the members of his family were with him when the end came. The funeral services were conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Frank Siler, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the interment was at Oakwood, with Masonic honors. Death resulted from cancer of the liver.

A civil service examination will be held at Statesville September 4th secure eligibles for the position of messenger in the internal revenue service. The age limit is 21 years or over and applicants should apply to the secretary of the board of examiners at the postoffice, Statesville, for proper blanks. Applications must be filed with the secretary of the Fourth Civil Service District, Civil Service Commission, Washington, by August 30.

Clint Hager was seriously injured last Wednesday while at work at the saw mill of B. W. Cloer, near Loray, in Concord township. The lacing of the large belt broke and the end of the belt struck Mr. Hager violently in the face. He was knocked for some distance and rendered unconscious by the blow, while the blood poured from his mouth and nose. His face was cut and his nose mashed but fortunately no bones were broken.

## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### A Cotton Storage Warehouse to be Built. Re-United after 50 years.

Concord Times, August 13th-16th.

J. W. Propet, of Birmingham, Ala., is in this section, visiting relatives. He is a half brother of Martin Propet, of No. 11 and they have not seen each other in 50 years, each being then only a few years old. After the death of their father, Wilson Propet, Alabama, Mrs. Propet, with her son Martian came back to Cabarrus. This is J. W. Propet's first visit to North Carolina. He will be here about ten days before returning to Alabama. Mr. Propet's mother was a Miss Shelton of Lincoln County. He will visit relatives in that section before returning.

The Cabarrus County Sunday School Convention will hold its annual convention at Poplar Tent on Thursday, August 15th, 1907, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Considerable interest is being manifested in this meeting, and a splendid convention is expected.

The annual meeting of the Cabarrus Camp of Confederate Veterans was held in the court house here last Tuesday. A large number of these brave men were present, and a good meeting was had, such an one as is always enjoyed on this annual gathering.

Charles Graham, a desperate negro character, was arrested here Monday by Chief Boger. He was wanted by the authorities in Salisbury. Deputy Sheriff Kridger came down Tuesday and took Graham to Salisbury, where he will finish serving a term on the chain gang.

The farmers' picnic at Rocky Ridge last Saturday was largely attended and was a most successful affair throughout. The place was an ideal one for a picnic, and W. A. Joyner's artesian well furnished plenty of pure water for the thirsty crowd. The speaking was held in the White Hall school house and was called to order by Geo. E. Ritchie, president of the Cotton Association for this county. Chas. C. Moore, the popular and enthusiastic President of the N. C. Division of the Southern Cotton Association was introduced by Jno. P. Allison. Mr. Moore spoke about an hour in his own inimitable way. The burden of his speech was the necessity of erecting warehouses for the storage of cotton. The sum of \$2,100 was raised for the erection of a storage warehouse at Concord, out of the \$5,000 needed. The balance of the amount will be raised without trouble.

Mrs. B. L. Still wife of the Superintendent of the Buffalo mill died in the Salisbury hospital, Friday night, where she had gone for an operation for appendicitis. The body was taken to Greenville S. C., for burial. She leaves her husband and three children, who have the sympathy of the community.

It is probable that Dr. Karr Walker, a brother of the late Dr. J. O. Walker, will arrive in Concord in a day or two to look over the field with a view to locating here. He is at present in Ashboro with his sick father. He served seven years as an army surgeon, and was in the Philippines for several years.

Final arrangements for the Educational Rally to be held at White Hall on next Thursday, August 22, are being made Dr. Jno. C. Kilgo, the noted educational orator, has been secured for this occasion.

By the naked vision a comet can be seen in the eastern sky about 3 o'clock in the morning. If you do not believe this statement, look for yourself in the northeastern sky about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

Piles get quick and certain relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for Piles, and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50 cents. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.