

THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

Local News Items.

Max Moses has just returned from a trip to Germany.

Our good friend H. H. Swicegood, of Davie county, who has just recently returned from Jamestown Exposition, was in the city Monday taking in the sights.

The main dam at Whitney is said to be completed and measures 917 feet in length 46 feet high. The company is endeavoring to be able to furnish power by January 1st. We doubt their ability to do so.

Several new automobiles have arrived here lately. Dr. Harman Heilig, Dr. West and H. C. Trott are the purchasers.

B. F. Lively, superintendent of the cat department in the shops at Spencer, has resigned and accepted a similar position with the Southern at Lenoir, Tenn.

Munday was what is called Labor Day. It is a legal holiday and it was observed here by the closing of the banks, observance of Sunday hours at the postoffice, and a programme rendered by the various trade unions in the community.

R. L. Earnhardt left today for Atlanta where he will spend the next nine months in the Atlanta Business College. Mr. Earnhardt's injured hand has about healed up.

J. A. Swink, of Dongola, Ill., who left here just 87 years ago, is now visiting friends and relatives in Salisbury and the country. Mr. Swink was very much impressed with the growth of our city since his last visit.

Rev. J. F. Preston and wife and Mrs. S. H. Wiley have left Vancouver, B. C., from where they will take a steamer for Korea. Rev. Preston is engaged in missionary work there and returns to take up where he left off in the spring.

The statements of the Chins Grove and Spencer banks appear in today's WATCHMAN to which attention is called. These banks are the pioneers in their towns and make a splendid showing.

A 15-year-old white boy by the name of Mack Springs slipped into the residence of J. C. Wilhelm, 425 E. Kerr street, one day last week and stole a watch and \$11.50 in money. \$10 of the money and the watch was found on his person when arrested. He was sent up to the Superior court for trial.

Rev. C. B. Currie, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Spencer, has been elected principal of the East Spencer, or rather Southern City, public schools.

J. F. Barnes and James Williams, convicted of highway robbery by the Rowan Superior court 1906 and sentenced to five years on the gang, have been pardoned by the governor who believed the men were innocent.

The grand jury found a true bill against Hugh A. Leonard, the ticket agent at this place who made away with a considerable sum of the Southern railway's money. Nothing more has been heard from the reported capture of Leonard at Hot Springs, Ark.

Prof. I. C. Griffin and party who have been touring Europe have returned to the city. The professor says he greatly enjoyed the trip, but was glad to get back to the grand old North State.

Oscar C. Hackett is the new manager of the Porter Brewing Co.'s branch warehouse here.

Hon. W. W. Kitchen, candidate for governor, spent a short time here Saturday and Sunday.

J. Rowan Davis, one of the cleverest commercial travelers who hit this place, had the misfortune to be in a railroad wreck near Asheville last Thursday and got his arm pretty badly mashed.

Ed Daniels' many friends will regret that he was very painfully injured at the Spencer shops Saturday. His arm was caught between some cogs and the flesh was almost torn off the bone. He had a narrow escape with his life.

A party consisting of R. L. Lingle and wife, J. D. Brown and wife, Thomas Lyerly and wife, M. G. M. Fisher and wife and two children, and Alex and Welker Klutz, some of our best rural citizens, went to Jamestown and Washington Tuesday a week ago and returned yesterday morning greatly delighted with their trip. They saw enough to furnish talk for years to come.

Rev. Jno. H. Gray has accepted a call to a church in Bedford, Va. He and his family left Davidson Thursday night for his new field of labor.

J. N. Maxwell, of Salisbury, who has just returned from the annual session of the National Council of the Daughters of Liberty, held at Portland, Maine, was elected vice-councilor of that body, which is quite an honor to Mr. Maxwell. He was also elected vice-president of the order's funeral benefit association. There were 180 delegates present from all parts of the union.

A professional firm has just been formed by Drs. John Whitehead, W. W. McKenzie and Julius A. Caldwell. It would be hard to find a trio of more capable physicians in the State.

ED. ASHBY GIVEN TEN YEARS.

Found Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree and Given a Light Sentence.

The trial of Ed. Ashby for the murder of Daniel Overcash, his brother-in-law, began in the Superior Court last Thursday morning by drawing a jury from a special venire of 75 men. This took up some time, but resulted in the selection of a more than average jury in intelligence and ability. Those chosen are as follows: O. L. Heilig, F. M. Thompson, Julius A. Peeler, John H. Tippet, J. A. Misenheimer, J. A. Torrence, A. B. Watson, T. D. Brown, J. C. Sowers, A. W. Rusher, J. H. Mings, T. H. Kirk.

The jury having been selected the taking of evidence was begun, Dr. E. Rose Dorsett, county coroner, being the first witness. He described the wound, stated that it was made by a shot gun, and declared Overcash's death was the direct result of said wound.

Reese Pethel was then placed upon the stand. He stated that on Sunday morning, June 16th, the day of the killing, he, his wife and brother, Arch, went to the home of John Russell, colored, where Ashby was being shaved. He asked Ashby "what about this talk about Dan and my wife?" Ashby said he could show the tracks where he stood when he saw Dan. He showed me where he saw Dan come across. He said that none of his crowd nor Ashby had guns, and continued, in substance, "my wife denied what Ashby said and asked that we go over to Dan's for a settlement. Ashby said he could not go, but requested that Overcash be brought over. (And right here is the time when the killing was probably arranged, the plot had probably already been made and Ashby had his gun there, or excused himself to get time to go and get his gun.) Pethel and his crowd went to Dan's, came back to Pethel's home, accompanied by Overcash, whom most likely Overcash, unarmed, as subsequent witnesses testified, smelt trouble and refused to go any farther, but, as Pethel says, requested that Ashby come to where he was. Pethel and his wife walked over to the thicket where they saw Ashby about 800 yards away with a stick in his hand, (most likely his gun.) Pethel called to Ashby that Dan wanted him to come over there, whereupon Ashby asked that they make Dan come to him, and starting back Dan was seen coming toward them and as he approached he told Ashby to take it back. They were then about 80 yards apart when Ashby picked up his gun and said "you can say what you please to me." Pethel said he did not see any more, but heard (the armed) Ed. say (to the unarmed) "Stop Dan, stop Dan. Don't you come on me." Pethel did not know where the gun was when Ashby picked it up. He stated that he and his wife were 60 or 75 yards away when the shooting occurred. He heard Mrs. Ashby say, "Ed. what have you done?" and he said "I killed Dan." Ashby admitted, upon examination by R. Lee Wright, Esq., attorney for the State, having seen Ernest and Mrs. Overcash and Lonnie Leazer, shortly after the shooting going towards the thicket where the shooting took place.

Upon cross examination Pethel let out and told all he knew, (and probably more), to the injury of Overcash. He stated that as Dan buckled his belt and placed his gun in the case he declared he would make Ed. take it back, and in answer to his wife's question as to the meaning of such conduct, he said "nothing but some of Ed. Ashby's lies." He stated that Dan loaded his gun as he went forward and that Ashby, (who was armed with the gun he had used with fatal effect upon his own father,) stood trembling in his boots.

The next witness called was Ernest Overcash, son of Dan, who testified that on Thursday prior to the murder, he and his father heard Mrs. Ashby, Overcash's sister, crying, threw down their shoes and ran to Ashby's house and upon inquiring the cause of her cries Ashby answered: "My business is my business, and you haven't a thing to do with it." Young Overcash saw Ashby the next day who said, "I'll kill Dan if he is your Daddy." He stated that his father only owned a 22-calibre pistol, that it was at home in his trunk and that Dan was unarmed when he left the house. He heard the shooting and started out when his mother forbid his going to Reese Pethel's, but he went nevertheless and was told Ashby had killed his father. He went to his father and found him lying with his face down and his hands under him.

James Russell, colored, testified that Ashby had come to him on Friday and stated that he wished he had been at home the day before so that he could have gotten some shells, that he would have killed Overcash and that he would get him yet.

Mrs. Minnie Overcash, wife of Dan Overcash, was then called. Her testimony, and others that followed was but a corroboration of that given above side for side. Character witnesses were introduced and it was found that all had good characters, even Ashby,

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GRAND JURY TO BE COMMENDED.

It Says That The People Should Rule and Ought to be Consulted in Regard to the New Court House.

The grand jury for the present term of Rowan Superior Court deserves to be highly commended for the fearless and patriotic stand it took in the matter of the new court house. It is no more than right and proper for the people to have a voice in a matter of such importance and the gentlemen composing the jury have merely voiced the conviction of a great majority of our people in making the report as they did. It is as follows: "We wish to enter our protest against the action of the county commissioners in regard to the new court house. We think the people ought to be consulted in so important a matter. We think an election should be held or a mass meeting be called to get a full expression of opinion. We desire the people to rule."

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STEVEN HOSPITAL OBTAINS NOTORIETY.

Was Lost For 24 Hours, But Turns Up All Right in Durham.

Steven Hospital is the name of a Hungarian lad whose age is something less than seven years. He was born in Phoenixville Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., and was so diminutive at birth that his parents became disgusted and left him in the hospital. He was cared for by the matron, Miss Curtis, wrapped in cotton and kept in an incubator for months, but he thrived and has remained at the hospital going by the name of Steven. His real name being so high unpronounceable that it was dropped and the common noun, hospital, was, as he was, adopted by the institution, became his by common consent. A few months ago it was thought a fresh air outing would benefit the little fellow, so as Miss Blanche Finget, came south on her summer vacation Steven was brought along. Miss Lois Stewart, of Salisbury, who has been at the hospital for about three years taking a course as a trained nurse, spent a portion of last month here visiting friends and relatives and was to return Saturday night. Steven was therefore sent down from Hickory to return with Miss Stewart, but upon his arrival here was not observed in the crowd that got off the Western train. He, however, did get off, walked across the yard, climbed into a coach on northbound train No. 30 and landed in Durham. To interested inquirers he gave his name as Steven Hospital and talked hospital until he was taken to the Watts Hospital and nicely cared for by a nurse whose name was Miss Stewart. Steven having been given a roll of music to deliver to Miss Lois Stewart upon which her name was written. Well, Steven remained lost to his friends. Telegrams and phone messages were sent in every direction, the police notified, a notice was published in the Charlotte Observer, and by the way we believe that was responsible for his early return, and notices read in the churches here Sunday, and Steven's whereabouts remained a mystery until a telegram was received from Durham telling of a strange boy's arrival there. Communication revealed his identity. He was then brought to Salisbury by a railroad detective, had supper and, in company with Miss Stewart, returned to his home in the hospital at Phoenixville, Pa. So Steven had things going somewhat for his age. He is a bright little fellow and will be heard from again some day.

Death of Mrs. Esther Corl.

Mrs. Esther Corl, wife of the late J. M. Corl, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. McConnaughey, Saturday evening, Mrs. Corl was 81 years old and leaves four daughters, Mrs. McConnaughey, Mrs. J. M. O. Rimer, of China Grove, Mrs. A. H. Moore and Mrs. J. M. B. Criminger. The funeral was conducted Sunday morning by Rev. E. K. McLarty of the First Methodist church and her remains were interred at Ebenezer church, 12 miles from Salisbury.

Crawford Beaver, who was stricken with paralysis two weeks ago, is yet alive but remains unconscious.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

The old Mocksville Road to be Macadamized, Janitor for Court House.

The County Commissioners met in regular session at the Court House, Monday, Sept. 2nd, with Messrs. Hartman, Current, Klutz and Harris present.

Ordered that the county taxes on the Jones shows at Spencer this week be remitted, as the graded school shares in the receipts.

Ordered that the bonds of A. M. Rice, tax collector for Salisbury township, and J. H. Krider, sheriff, be accepted and registered.

Ordered that Isham Davis, be paid \$18 per month as janitor for court house and to keep same in good condition.

It was ordered that the chairman let a contract to macadamize, as soon as possible, 1/4 mile on the Old Mocksville road from the Shober bridge out to the old Barker place, now known as Fairview. The contract to be made at \$1.75 per cubic yard, or the county will furnish the rock at crusher and pay \$1.00 for each running yard. The road is to be 9 feet wide.

Wholesale liquor license was granted to Geo. E. Payne, subject to the city ordinances.

Mrs. Patterson, superintendent of the county home, reported 11 inmates, 9 white and 2 colored. All in fairly good health.

Ordered that T. C. Linn, Theo. F. Klutz and W. L. Harris be appointed to examine the ten old deed books and report what steps should be taken regarding their preservation.

Ordered that the petitioners from Gold Hill township be allowed to open a road from near Organ church to Rockwell at their own expense.

A telephone line was allowed to be erected from Rock to Faith. The superintendent of roads in Providence township was directed to indict any one guilty of obstructing the public roads.

Albert Harris, of Scotch Irish Township, was exempted from road duty.

Supt. Carter, of chain gang camp No. 1, reported 20 prisoners, 1 white and 10 colored.

Supt. Hatley, of chain gang camp No. 2, reported 86 prisoners, 12 white and 24 colored.

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