

THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

Local News Items

Miss Thelma Smith died at her home on North Lee Street Friday evening. She was a victim of consumption. She was only 18 years of age.

The first snow here for the season fell yesterday. Not much, but it snowed.

A pair of fine dray horses belonging to Chas. W. Mowery died first of the week. As this makes five horses Mr. Mowery has lost in about a year, he has had the stomachs of these latest analyzed and found that they died from the result of a dose of strychnine administered by an unknown party. Efforts are being made to ascertain the identity of the culprit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCorkle returned to Salisbury after a ten days bridal tour Saturday night. They are occupying the handsome new cottage on North Jackson street between Innes and Council.

The little three-months-old child of Ernest Miller, who lives on Chestnut Hill, died Sunday morning.

Jesse N. Seale, manager of the northeast lines of the Southern Railway, who was stricken with paralysis in Salisbury Saturday, died in Washington city Monday. His remains were sent to his old home at Jackson, Tenn., for interment. The funeral party passed through Salisbury last night.

Rev. C. A. Brown, who was extended a call to the pastorate of Luther's Chapel at China Grove, has accepted same. Rev. Brown is the pastor of the Organ Church charge and takes the place made vacant by the death of Rev. J. Q. Wertz.

Fire destroyed a waste house belonging to the Patterson Mfg Co., at China Grove, one day last week. It took hard work to prevent the flames spreading.

A camp of the Woodmen of the World was organized at Spencer Friday night by District Deputy G. F. Wise. The name of the new camp is Cedar and there were 17 charter members.

The Anti-Saloon League held a meeting last Friday night. It was well attended and the earnest, enthusiastic and guarded manner in which things were done was due to the wisdom and character of its leaders. No date as yet has been fixed upon for the election. The League's next meeting is subject to the call of its president, W. B. Smoot, Esq.

Mrs. Callie Thomason, aged 78, died at the home of her grandson, Wm. B. Harrison, on East Council street Sunday morning. Her remains were taken to Woodleaf where the interment took place Monday.

Bishop Morrison, who presides over the deliberations of the W. N. C. Conference now in session here, is stopping with Senator Overman. The members of and delegates to the conference have been located in the homes of the citizens.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Yadkin Railroad Company in Salisbury on Tuesday, November 25th. It is said this road is paying, if so why don't the Rowan townships get something on their stock?

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Thursday night Walter H. Woodson, Esq., made application in behalf of the independent telephone company for a charter to install 25 or more phones in Salisbury. E. C. Gregory, attorney for the Southern Bell Telephone company, protested on the ground that this would mean two phone systems in Salisbury and the matter was laid over till tomorrow night.

According to a list of gold, silver and bronze medals issued by the Jamestown Exposition, the Kincaid Veneer and Lumber Company, of this city, was awarded a silver medal for the quality of its quartered oak and sycamore veneers. J. J. Kincaid is the promoter and manager of this enterprise in our midst and has not been satisfied with anything short of the best. The prize is one justly earned and in view of the great competition is something to be proud of.

THE OLD MANSION HOUSE BURNED.

The Occupants Lose Heavily. The Firemen Did Splendid Work. Little Insurance.

About 8 o'clock Friday morning Policemen S. J. Shuping and W. M. Julian in passing along on West Innes street in front of the old Mansion House, discovered that the building was on fire. They could only see the blaze in the rear of Hoffman's meat market and above it. They turned in an alarm and Salisbury's excellent volunteer fire department was soon on the scene and engaged in heroic work. Policeman Shuping hurriedly notified those who occupied rooms in the second story, but the urgency of conditions did not give them more than time to make their escape, leaving all their possessions to the rapidly consuming flames. D. W. Snider, who has been confined to his room for weeks with rheumatism, was carried down by P. J. Saba and W. F. Snider, Mrs. Snider was assisted down a ladder by J. V. Wallace, ex-chief of the fire department, and Miss Maria Ruffin another occupant was also taken down by means of a ladder, and Mr. Bivins, who has been assisting Mr. Snider in the machine business, made his escape, but did not have time to save his clothes. All known occupants having been removed little time was left to get out anything else. The matter of saving the merchandise, fixtures, books, etc., of the business houses in the lower story was left entirely to the citizens, who did splendid work but saved very little. The firemen realizing the uselessness of attempting to save the building directed their efforts to the brick buildings adjoining. Some six or eight streams of water were kept playing on the flames nearest the other buildings. The pumping station had been notified and the pressure at the nozzle is said to have realized 150 pounds per square inch. This was more than sufficient and shows conclusively Salisbury does not need a fire engine. The firemen showed they were men of the right kind and in the right places. They did most creditably and deserve much praise for the service rendered.

The origin of the fire is not known. The flames were first noticed in the rear of Hoffman's meat market, but he only uses a stove in the front room, easily seen from the street. An extra hot stove was left in the Kessler barber shop, and the pipe from it projected from the rear of the building. Many think this is where the fire originated, but there is nothing more than circumstantial evidence for such a hypothesis.

The building was one of the oldest in the city and the oldest in use as a business block. As a building it was almost worthless, but in the way of a dividend producer it had watered stocks beat all hollow. The house and lot was recently purchased by Messrs. W. B. Strachan and E. C. Gregory for the sum of \$30,000 and the rentals made the investment about 8 per cent. There was \$3,500 insurance carried on it and while the loss to these gentlemen cannot be accurately stated they will probably receive a fair portion of its value in the insurance carried. Their greatest loss is in the rents.

The Salisbury Jewelry Co. occupying the room next to the Climax Barber Shop, on Main Street, carried a \$1,500 stock, much of which was ruined. They had insurance to the amount of \$1,000.

W. H. Huff occupied the corner store and carried a stock of groceries and had just received some of his Christmas goods. His stock was valued at \$2,500 and he carried only \$500 insurance. He got out his safe containing his books and papers and those of the Woodmen of the World of which he was secretary.

Next to Mr. Huff was M. L. Jackson's meat market, one of the finest and best equipped in the State. His fixtures were valued at \$2,000 and he carried \$800 insurance. His stock of meat for the following day had not been brought up and was consequently quite small.

Up-stairs D. W. Snider and Miss Ruffin lived and had their household furniture, fixtures, clothing, etc. Mr. Snider had a number of machines on hand, a lot of tools and other articles which represented his all, except some land near town creek. In

the corner room, over Mr. Huff's, was the office of the Yadkin Valley Fair. There was a table, two chairs and a box therein. Practically nothing was saved from this floor. Mr. Snider's loss amounts to several hundred dollars and he was without insurance. Miss Ruffin lost her furniture, bedding, clothing and many other articles, including \$85 in cash, which she afterward found in the ruins.

Next was Luther Hoffman's meat market. Mr. Hoffman has been in the butcher business for only a year or so and was just beginning to get into good shape. His market was well equipped and an extra large stock of meat had just been killed and placed on the hooks. His loss will probably reach \$1,000 and the insurance amounts to \$500.

Adjoining Hoffman's was the Kessler Barber shop, which had only recently begun business here, the furniture and fixtures of which were valued at between \$500 and \$600. This was a complete loss. No insurance. This place had just been taken over by Austin & Barnhardt, but no money had passed.

Last, on West Innes street, was the grocery store of D. M. Miller. This was one of the best stocked grocery stores in the city. The goods were varied and of excellent quality. The stock was valued at between \$4,000 and \$5,000 and Mr. Miller carried insurance to the amount of \$1,500. He succeeded in saving some of the goods, but in a more or less damaged condition.

Figuring the old shack at \$5,000, the total loss will reach about \$10,000 or \$20,000, and deducting the insurance carried, \$7,800, the real loss will hardly reach more than \$10,000.

The building was probably 100 years old. The first mention among authentic records of its existence is between 1815 and 1820 when it was known as the Mansion house property. It was originally a small building and was occupied as a store, but was afterward enlarged and became a famous inn during the days of the stage coaches. It was conducted by various parties before the civil war and since, but of late years it has been used almost exclusively as a business block.

M. L. Jackson has located his beef market in the old Meroney theatre building on North Main street.

D. M. Miller is filling orders for his customers from his store in the North Ward. He has made arrangements to occupy the room vacated by Max L. Barker's printing office, just opposite Mr. Miller's former stand.

W. H. Huff has purchased an interest in the firm of J. L. Misener & Co., 116 N. Main street, and will be glad to see his old customers there.

Mr. Hoffman has secured a location in the building below Mrs. Sheets' boarding house on East Innes street.

A Fishy Story. Two young men, Jack Swink, of Greensboro, and Tom Harris, of Lexington, students of Churchland, Davie county, High School, according to the Lexington Dispatch, lost \$70 and \$65 respectively, by being held up right in a large crowd at the Yadkin Valley Fair in Salisbury by the boldest kind of highwaymen who drew pistols and demanded their money. It is not a desire of the WATCHMAN to discount these gentlemen's veracity, but the story certainly sounds fishy. However, we did hear of a boy, or boys, being held up in a field near the fair grounds and being robbed, but it cannot be verified. There was no need for such crude methods. Every fellow who could get a table and a cart wheel had nothing to fear by getting in the most public place and making all the noise about it the most pretentious highwayman might desire. There was absolutely no one to molest or make him afraid. But of course he could not gamble by himself. Suckers are his most substantial retainers. We know of several who lost enough to pay for their county paper the balance of their lives and, yet in their little, narrow vision they whine about the price of the paper and short crops.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They do not grip. Sold by James Plummer and all druggists.

GOV. GOMER MEANS BUSINESS.

Declares That the L. & N. Railroad is Openly Defying the State.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 7.—In his message to the special session of the Legislature today Governor Gomer insisted that the control and regulation of the railroads by the State is a question more important than making of rates or any other matter, in that it involves the question of right of the State to control its internal affairs. The message goes on to say that President Smith, of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, has held out against the Alabama laws while others have put them into effect; has defied the State and its people by conducting a lobby at the capitol, openly admitting that his company has influenced legislation in the past; has called the Governors of Alabama and Georgia populist; has raised rates over night in defiance of State laws, and has generally refused to recognize the right of the State to make laws applying to transportation companies.

That the Alabama rate laws are not confiscatory is evidenced, the Governor says, by the fact that they prevail in other nearby States and provide profit. Financial troubles, he says, have not grown out of laws made to control corporations, but are due to the rapacity of the high financiers, and producers of the cotton of the South is now coming to save the country from panic.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad is charged with manipulating to prevent use of waterways, to make rules for handling coal and as to demurrage and freight rates which are arbitrary, and with generally seeking to control the State to the detriment of the people.

Rev. Clark Installed.

The installation of Rev. Byron S. Clark, as pastor of the First Presbyterian church, took place Sunday morning. Rev. C. M. Richards, of Statesville, preached the sermon; Rev. J. M. Wharey, who is now located in Hickory, presided and charged the pastor; and Rev. W. J. Martin, Ph.D., charged the people. The services were quite impressive and instructive. In fling out of the church the congregation gave Rev. Clark the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Clark is highly appreciated by the members of his flock.

New Advertisements.

Gorman & Green, jewelers. Bell Shoe Store, shoes. V. Wallace & Sons, clothing. J. Lawson Kluttz, mortgage sale of land. Belk-Harry Co., dry goods, notions, etc. E. H. Bean, attorney-at-law.

Valuable Farm For Sale.

I hereby offer for sale my farm of 58 acres on the Stokes Ferry Public Road five miles South-east of Salisbury, N. C. Good six-room dwelling house, good out buildings, good pasture and well watered. For price and terms see LEWIS I. CAUBLE, R. F. D. No. 6, Salisbury, N. C. This Sept. 18th 1907.

Death of Mrs. M. C. Ruffy.

Mrs. Mollie Ruffy, wife of Milton C. Ruffy, merchant, died at her home on East Bark street at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ruffy, though not considered in good health, was able to attend to her household duties till Monday, when she was taken with a chill. She seemed to improve but became worse during the night and died as stated above. Mrs. Ruffy was a woman of most exemplary habits and a mother in Israel. She loved her family and her church and gave all her time to their service. She was 51 years of age, was married in 1876 and leaves a husband and two sons, Messrs. Ernest R. and Hilton E. Ruffy. Mrs. Ruffy was a member of the First Methodist church and took an active part in all good works. The funeral was held this evening at 2 o'clock.

An effort is being made to organize farmers' unions throughout the county of Mecklenburg. We wonder what is to be the result when everybody is firmly bound in some kind of a union. Who will then be prayed upon?

The Industrious Hen

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He also has an experience of more than 40 years in the Jewelry business and is better prepared upon than ever. You can leave and get your watches with Mr. Wil Taylor, (Kluttz & Rendleman's,) with the Lyster boys at Granite Quarry, with Mr. P. Alex. Peeler, Faith; or you can send them direct to our door by mail for a few cents. Cut this out and save it for reference long after it disappears. Send all orders and work as per above. R. L. BROWN, 116-13t. Salisbury, N. C., No. 6

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