

Local News Items.

Montana Joe, a pedestrian of some note, was in the city Saturday. He is rolling a wheelbarrow from Denver, Colo., to New York and is due to arrive there before the 15th of April.

A series of meetings are now being held at the First Methodist Church, by the pastor, Rev. E. K. McLarty. These services, which are held at noon, 8:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. promise to be very interesting and beneficial to those who attend.

While Salisbury is not in the League, yet it is rumored that base ball will be a feature here, this summer, as games between teams from other places will be pulled off on the Salisbury grounds.

The many friends of Mrs. Richard Henderson will be glad to learn of her recovery from a severe attack of blood poison. Mrs. Henderson has been dangerously ill for several weeks but is now able to be up and is rapidly recuperating.

Miss Mabel Head made two addresses at the First Methodist Church, on Friday. Miss Head is representing the Ladies Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

James Oliver Boon, who sang at the rooms of the Old Hickory Club, under the auspices of the Daughters of Confederacy, scored quite a success. The people who were so fortunate as to attend the recital, speak in terms of highest praise of, not only Mr. Boon, but the local talent which took part.

By alternately working the employees at Spencer, the Southern railroad is relieving, to some extent, the conditions which have prevailed since the lay-off two weeks ago. It is recently reported that the condition of the railroad is improving and that, in all probability, there will be a restoration of the force that has been out.

It is rumored that a newly formed company has bought the Fulton Park property and will open it up on April 15th with a great many new attractions.

Judge Boyd has granted permission to open the Gillespies store at Whitney. This store has been closed since the Company has been in the hands of a receiver.

Rev. T. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, was here Saturday and Monday, taking in the speeches at the opening of the temperance campaign. Mr. Conrad is overflowing with the prospects of prohibition and is enthusiastic in the belief of the victory of the temperance cause.

A horse and wagon, the property of the Rankin Grocery Company, came in contact with a street car near Porter's switch, which resulted in killing of the horse and wrecking the wagon. The horse became frightened and bolted across the track, the driver being unable to manage it.

Bismarck Capps, Esq., will speak at Ebenezer Methodist Church, next Sunday, at 11 A. M. and at Woodleaf at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. Capps is an interesting speaker and will not disappoint his hearers.

Opinions, as to whether the fruit crop will be hurt by the recent snow and sleet, vary, yet we are in hopes that there will be a good crop.

A birds nest, containing three eggs was found in a bunch of bananas at Kluttz and Rendleman's store. It is supposed that the bird built her nest, before the fruit was gathered, in her tropical home, and is therefore wondering where her house has gone.

As to the Appointment of Judges and Registrars.

A meeting of the Board of Elections of Rowan county will be held at 11 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1908, at the court house in Salisbury for the purpose of selecting and appointing two judges and a registrar for each election precinct in Rowan county for the May election.

The law provides that in making the appointment of the judges of election the election board shall appoint for each election precinct in the county one competent person generally known to be in favor of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the State of North Carolina, and one competent person generally known to be opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Gregory, chairman of the election board, suggests that prior to next Tuesday those persons in each election precinct who are opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor recommend to President W. B. Smoot of the Anti-Saloon League at least three competent persons of their respective election precincts who are generally known to be opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and that those persons in each election precinct who favor the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors recommend to A. H. Boyden at least three competent persons of their respective precincts who are generally known to be in favor of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, so that the election board may, upon the recommendation of Mr. Smoot and Mr. Boyden, select and appoint the respective judges and registrars from the persons so recommended.

Rev. Sifford Called to a Church in Ohio.

Rev. S. W. Sifford, son of Ed. Sifford, of Salem church neighborhood, this county, who has been in charge of a Lutheran church at Clarksburg, Va., for the past two years, has received and accepted an unanimous call to the pastorate of the Lutheran church of Delaware, Ohio. Delaware is a town about the size of Salisbury and is located 25 miles north of Columbus. Rev. Sifford's new charge has a membership of 800 people and is well established. This is quite an honor to this bright young man, who, like most of Rowan's sons, never fail to make a mark, when given an opportunity, wherever they may locate.

Judge Pritchard Makes an Able Speech.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard made one of the ablest and strongest speeches on temperance in the court house at 2 p. m. Saturday that was ever heard here. After prayer by Dr. Byron Clark, Mr. Pritchard, who was introduced by Hon. Jno. S. Henderson, began his argument against whiskey traffic. The speech was a powerful arraignment of this evil and was listened to by one of the largest audiences that have gathered at a speaking in years. Notwithstanding the weather conditions, a good many ladies were out and no speaker ever had more intelligent or attentive hearers than that assembly of mechanics, farmers and business men who listened to the masterful address.

Murdered in a Barroom.

Geo. Hargrave, a negro, was stabbed and mortally wounded Saturday night by another negro, Thad Canble, in Whiteell's barroom. The negroes had been quarrelling when Hargrave struck the other over the head with a beer bottle. The other negro drew his knife, slashing Hargrave in the abdomen, disemboweling him. Hargrave ran about twenty steps, fell and was dead before a physician could be called. The negro Canble, who did the cutting, immediately ran and although there was quite a crowd present no one prevented his escape. Saturday night generally finds crowds of negroes hanging around the bars and this is only the result of having whiskey in our midst.

C. Froneberger, who has conducted a hardware business, for the past few years, at the D. A. Atwell stand, has gone into bankruptcy. Lack of business caused by the stringent financial condition is attributed as the cause.

OUR VOTING CONTEST.

It Opens Under Favorable Circumstances and Will Succeed.

The voting contest, inaugurated last week by THE WATCHMAN, has now opened in earnest, it is hoped, may be the most successful subscription campaign yet undertaken by this paper. Of course the voting contest has not yet become lively, but indications point in that direction and we believe a real live affair is sure to follow. While quite a number have been voted for during the past week, others may and will enter the race at any time, but the earlier the better. It looks like there is going to be an effort made in several sections to see that their part of the county is to be the winner this time, Walter Burrage, of Pool, Morgan township, eastern Rowan, being the successful contestant last year. In any event the way to have this excellent buggy come your way is to get busy, get your friends busy and work early and late. Pick out your candidate and vote and work for him. The more you stuff the ballot box the better.

Those voted for, up to the close of business Tuesday evening, are as follows:

- Ivy L. Hoffner, Rockwell, No. 2, 880
T. H. Kirk, China Grove, 800
E. D. Bostian, China Grove, No. 2, 200
H. A. Stirewalt, China Grove, No. 1, 100
P. J. Cross, China Grove, 100
R. J. Hart, China Grove, No. 8, 200
H. O. Sloop, China Grove, No. 3, 200
Junius Furr, China Grove, 200
W. D. Graham, Mt. Ulla, 200
Bing Hart, Mt. Ulla, 200
J. E. Barber, Barber, No. 1, 200
L. M. Lippard, Barber, No. 1, 200
George Goodnight, Barber, No. 1, 200
E. F. Eaton, Cleveland, 200
Ross Wood, Cleveland, 200
L. A. Wilhelm, Cleveland, No. 1, 200
D. B. Eford, Salisbury, 200
W. M. Ruth, Salisbury, 175
C. E. Hipes, Woodleaf, 225
R. L. Leonard, Chestnut Hill 100

Public Speaking.

A public speaking in the interest of temperance, will be held on the 5th Sunday of March, at Enon Baptist church. Ex-State Senator R. Lee Wright will make an address at 11 a. m., and W. B. Smoot, at 8 p. m. Everybody is urged to come and hear these able orators, ladies and children especially. Mr. Wright will also speak at Calvary Baptist church at 2:30 p. m. the same day on the same subject.

GOLD HILL.

March 28.—Those who thought that winter was over were disappointed last Friday evening when hail and snow began falling in good style, and by night the ground was covered. Saturday morning the thermometer registered 25.

The peaches are reported killed. So there will be no peach brandy made this year in these parts.

Superintendent Shepherd went down in the 800-foot level last Tuesday night and caught some of the miners asleep and their drills standing idle. As a result, the foreman, Thos. Johnson, was fired and the position given to Wm. Smith.

The shaft at the Graff mine has been sunken to a depth of 45 feet, and a level, driven out 8 feet, encountered a body of rich gold ore about 12 to 15 inches thick that is worth \$50.00 the ton. This is the report of the miners who are working there. Hopes it will prove a good mine and work will be lively.

We were given another soaking rain last night and it has continued all day. This will postpone plowing for some time.

F. M. Tyack, of Garfield, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

J. Albert Earnheart lost a pocketbook containing \$5.00, and a pair of spectacles last week, between J. A. Arey's store and his home. Anyone finding same and returning them will be liberally rewarded. MIKE.

Don't fail to pay your poll tax before the 1st. of May if you wish to vote in any of the elections to be held this year.

Dr. J. M. Neel, DENTIST. Over Davis & Wiley Bank. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 to 6 p.m.

The Empire Department Store Co. Every train brings us the new things for Spring and Summer wear. It will pay you to call and inspect our new SILKS, DRESS GOODS, WAISTS AND SKIRTS.

New Woolen Material. New Blacks, Blues, Browns, in the latest weaves. Special values from 25c to \$2 per yard.

Wash Goods. in all the new dainty designs. Lawns, Dimities, Batists, Percales, Galateas, Silk Mulls, at the very lowest prices.

Ready to wear Goods. Pretty new Suits, Skirts, Shirt Waists, and Muslin Underwear at the very lowest prices.

A Few Specials. Good Dark Calicoes for 4c, Good Gingham for 5c, American blues and Simpson's grey and black calicoes for 6c, 12 and 15c Madras for 10c, Good white Lawn for 5c, Pretty line of dainty new Lawns for 5c, Good Toweling for 5c, Big line of Gingham, 10c value for 7c, Gingham in short lengths, 12c value for 10c, 25c Dress Goods special 12c, 50c Dress Goods special 25c, 12c Percales in short lengths for 10c, 15c Percales in new designs 12c, Special values in Men's, Ladies' and Children's Hosiery at 10c, 12c, & 15c.

Soap Special. 5 Cakes of Extra Fine Laundry Soap for 10c.

Silk Special. Four Pieces of Fancy Dress and Waist Silk, 50c quality, Special 25c.

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VETERAN'S PLEA FOR LIBERTY. Whiskey Has Been His Enemy for 40 Years. Wants It Wiped Out. In 1861 I volunteered for service in the army of the Confederacy and served the four years following. After participating in 88 battles, I was so fortunate as to escape being wounded, never so much as having the skin broken. I fought under Captain Blackmer of Salisbury. I am now 71 years of age and know that I have been greatly injured by the use of whiskey. My health has been impaired, two farms have been lost and my personal influence hurt by whiskey. It has been my enemy for forty years. I hope the good people of the State will rise in their might and drive it out of the State. Sincerely, DAVID GOBBLE.

THOMASON, Mrs. W. A., died at her home in Franklin township, Tuesday morning, after a short illness. Mrs. Thomason was a daughter of Eli Lentz, of Salisbury.

Miss Bertha Leonhardt of Lowell, N. C., and Bruner A. Julian, son of G. W. Julian, of Salisbury, were married at the bride's home Tuesday, March 24th, Rev. W. V. Honeycutt officiating.

Considering the fact that from warm summer days to winter's icy grasp, the weather proposition is a tough one.

Be careful about a little cough. Get something right away; some good, reliable remedy that will move the bowels. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently yet promptly on the bowels and allays inflammation at the same time. It is pleasant to take and it is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by James Plummer and all druggists.

Notice of Application for Pardon. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to Gov. R. B. Glenn for the pardon of Will Fisher, who was convicted at November term, 1907, of Rowan Superior court, for assault and battery, and sentenced by Judge Justice to two years on the public roads of Rowan county. This March 21st, 1908. ADELAIDE FISHER.

Don't fail to pay your poll tax before the 1st day of May if you wish to vote in any of the elections to be held this year.

The Lucky Quarter. Is the one you pay out for a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They bring you the health that's more precious than jewels. Try them for headache, biliousness, constipation, and malaria. If they disappoint you the price will be cheerfully refunded at all drug stores.

Good For Everybody. Mr. Norman E. Conlter, a prominent architect, in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system. Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50c at all drug stores."

All persons holding claims of any kind against The Spencer Supply Company, of Spencer, N. C., shall present and make proof of such to the undersigned, receivers, on or before the 18th day of July, 1908, or be barred from participating in the distribution of the assets of said corporation. This notice is given in accordance with the order of the Court. This March 18th, 1908. LEO O. WALLON, J. C. LINK, Receivers for The Spencer Supply Company.

MILLINERY. We will be pleased to have you call and inspect our line of new Spring Millinery. Our styles are correct and prices suit the times. MRS. ALICE PATTERSON, MISS DORA LENTZ, S. Main St., Chestnut, N. C.

MORTGAGE SALE. By virtue of the power of sale vested in me as Mortgagee and Trustee in a certain mortgage executed by Robert Todd, on the 23rd day of November, 1903, and recorded in Book No. 23 of Mortgages page 240, in Register of Deeds office Rowan County, said mortgage being given to secure a certain promissory note with interest, executed by the Mortgagor, and default having been made in payment of said note, I, D. C. Lingle, by virtue of the above mentioned power of sale, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court-house door in the City of Salisbury, on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1908, at twelve o'clock P. M., the following described property, to-wit: On the West side of the Southern Railroad about two miles South of Salisbury, N. C.; beginning at a stone W. 8 chas. to a stone, Brown's corner, thence N. 5 33-1/2 chas. to a stone Brown's corner, thence E. 8 chas. to a stone Brown's corner, thence S. to the beginning corner, containing 4 acres. Beginning at a stake on Beaver's line corner of church lot and runs N. 88 E. 7.30 chas. to a stake, thence S. 88 E. 4.20 chas. to a stake, thence S. 14-1/2 E. 5 chas. to a pine, thence S. 88 E. 2 chas. to a dogwood, thence S. 20 E. 8.50 chas. to a stake, thence S. 55 W. 8 chas. to a stake, thence S. 15 E. 4 chas. to a pile of stone, thence S. 75 W. 8.25 chas. to a pile of stone, thence N. 49 W. 7.60 chas. to a stake, thence N. 55-1/2 E. 4.30 chas. to a stake, thence N. 38 W. 3.50 chas. to a sweet gum, thence N. 56-1-2 E. 1.62 chas. to a stake, thence N. 44 W. 5.37 chas. to the beginning, containing 18-3-4 acres more or less. This March 17th, 1908. D. C. LINGLE.

WATER SUPPLY. Hydraulic Rams are Cheapest and Most Satisfactory. Probably the cheapest and best method of obtaining a constant and abundant supply of good water for the household, stock, yard, garden and fire purposes, and at the same time that which needs the least attention, is the hydraulic ram. You can have your water delivered right to your house from any nearby spring or branch without the further attention after the installation of a ram. The best r.m. on the market is sold and installed by T. A. P. ROSEMAN, Route 8, Salisbury, N. C. Write for particulars.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned freeholders of Gold Hill and Morgan Townships will apply by petition to the Board of County Commissioners of Rowan County, N. C., on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1908 to alter the boundary line between Gold Hill and Morgan Townships the proposed change will begin at the first railroad crossing of the Salisbury and Gold Hill public road north of station in Gold Hill and extend with the railroad track to the Cabarrus county line this March 14, 1908. Gold Hill Township: John Morgan, Thos. Mofle, Bennie Martin, D. L. Martin. Morgan Township: Luther Biggers, Geo. H. Morgan, H. E. Tiser, J. C. Snuggs.

KODOL FOR DYSPEPSIA. DIGESTS WHAT YOU EAT. For Backache - Weak Kidneys - Ty De Witt's Kidney & Bladder Pills - Sure and Safe. PREPARED ONLY AT THE LABORATORY OF E. C. DEWITT & COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL. For sale by James Plummer and all Druggists.

REID'S CLOSING OUT SHOE SALE! In order to close out all Winter-Weight and High Cut Shoes now in stock and make room for the new Oxfords, we will for 15 Days Give a 20 Per Cent. Discount on all High Cut Shoes. This will give everyone and exceptional opportunity to buy first class shoes at factory prices.

Table with 3 columns: Men's Shoes, Infants Shoes, Ladies Shoes. Lists various shoe styles and prices, including \$1.20, \$1.60, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.20, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$1.25, \$1.60, \$1.75, \$2.00.

SHOES FREE.

During this Shoe Sale we will conduct a voting contest just as we did during the great February clearance sale. Everyone buying a pair of shoes will be allowed to put their name and address in the premium box. After the sale the names will be drawn and the premiums given as follows:

- 1st name drawn gets pr 3.50 Star Brand Shoes.
2nd name drawn gets pr 3.50 Misses Ideal Shoes.
3rd name drawn gets pr 2.50 Children's Shoes.
4th name drawn gets pr 2.00
5th name drawn gets pr 1.50
6th name drawn gets pr 1.00
7th name drawn gets pr 50c

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