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## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### A Veteran Fox Caught, Rowdiness in County Neighborhood, House Burned at Tyro.

Lexington Dispatch, March 25th.

John Pugh recently caught one of the biggest grey foxes he ever caught, and he has captured some large ones. This one had been running for years in the Stokes Ferry country, but went down finally before Mr. Pugh's hounds, after a four hours chase.

A small child of Fred Green, colored, was burned Sunday at its home near the depot, and while the burns were painful, the child will recover. Matches caused the accident.

Ticket and freight business at the depot slowly improves. The new rate law goes into effect next Wednesday, and after that the rate will be 2 1/2 cents per mile. This law will extend all over the south.

Mrs. Scott Brown, formerly of Thomasville, but now of Camden, S. C., and one of the most popular hoteliers in the south, will run the famous Haywood White Sulphur Springs, at Waynesville, the coming summer. The capacity of the hotel is about 400 guests and Mrs. Brown's many friends hope she will fill it to overflowing.—Thomasville note.

We received a letter from some dear unknown subscriber Monday afternoon who is "agin" state prohibition; but he couldn't or he wouldn't sign his name. We sorrowful and carefully out it in the waste basket. If a man is afraid to sign his name to an article, he does not deserve consideration. But the funny part of it was, he signed, "A Temperance Democrat." It is to laugh.

Last Thursday night the remains of the first wife of the late John W. Finch were exhumed and reinterred by the side of Mr. Finch's grave. She was a Miss Newsum, a daughter of Dr. Allen Newsum, and died within about a year of her marriage. She was buried in a metallic coffin, and when exhumed, after the covering had been removed from the glass, was seen to be in apparently perfect state of preservation. Men who saw the body, remembering her features, state that she appeared as natural as when first buried, and she had been dead 34 years. Quite a number of people were present when the coffin was removed, having been attracted by the unusual incident.

There was some ugly doings out in the Arnold community one night last week, when damage was done to personal property. A drummer stopping at Craver & Zimmerman's store, suffered damage to his vehicle, the cushion, back and dash board being slashed. Harness belonging to Squire Sidney Craver, was ruined. A surry and milk wagon belonging to Rich Link were out and the wire fence of John Koozts was greatly damaged. Chief Hayworth with his blood hound went out to the place, and some progress was made tracking the criminals, but the trail was lost in the road. There seems to be a pretty good idea as to the identity of the miscreants; and there seems to be little doubt that it was all the work of blockaders, against whom the men damaged have stood in the past. The officers should not stop until they have the criminals.

Saturday night about 12 o'clock the attractive home of Dr. J. E. Cathell at Tyro was burned to the ground with all its contents. The loss is nearly \$4,000 and the insurance \$2,275. There was no one at the house, Mrs. Cathell being away at a neighbor's and the doctor at Reeds on a professional visit. The servants were all away. The fire began from some unknown cause in the ell and by the time anyone reached the house, this part of the building was gone; and nothing whatever could be done toward stopping the fire in the main part of the house, or towards saving the contents. One neighbor broke open a window and reaching into

## LOSS BY FIRE AND ROBBERY.

### Former Thomasville Lady Loses Heavily from Robber and Incendiaries in St. George, Ga.

The Thomasville correspondent of The Dispatch sends an interesting story of robbery and incendiarism which has recently come to light months after it happened, the whole having been smothered up to facilitate the work of detectives and attorneys for the lady who has lost so much.

Mrs. Flora H. Pinnix, the victim of the robbery, who was formerly Miss Flora Hoover, a sister of the late Capt. P. A. Hoover, of Thomasville, made a visit to relatives in this county last August. Just before this she was robbed of \$11,700 at her home in St. George, Ga. While asleep in her room, along about the first of August, she was aroused partially by some one being in her room. Dimly she realized that something was wrong, but being in a stupor, presumably from the effect of chloroform, or some other drug, was unable to grasp the situation. Nevertheless she was conscious of a person being in the room. Later in the night, when the effects of the drug wore off, she was able to move, and immediately went to her trunk, where she had \$11,700 in bills. Opening the trunk, she found that the money was gone.

There were eleven one thousand dollar bills, one five hundred dollar bill, and two one hundred dollar bills.

Mrs. Pinnix kept a store at St. George and was known to have money. She immediately employed detectives and lawyers on the case, and the utmost secrecy was maintained, so that the story has only recently leaked out. The supposed guilty parties have been arrested and their trial will come off next month.

Following hard upon the robbery and her efforts to run down the guilty parties, her store was burned to the ground and she lost all therein. It is thought that this was the work of the same parties who perpetrated the midnight robbery. This is thought to have been for the purpose of throwing pursuit off the track and of intimidating Mrs. Pinnix. The store was filled with goods and was estimated to be worth several thousand dollars, it being the largest mercantile establishment in St. George.

The friends and relatives of Mrs. Pinnix in this county will await with interest the trial and conviction of the people who are the alleged robbers and incendiaries.—Lexington Dispatch.

## J. B. Sherrill still in the Race.

To the Democrats of North Carolina:

It has come to me from a number of sources that the report is being circulated that I have withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner of Labor and Printing of North Carolina. I am at a loss to know how this report originated, as I have never had the slightest intention of withdrawing from the contest. The encouragement and support I have received from every part of the State seem to assure my nomination for this office. I have received almost the unanimous endorsement of the North Carolina press, and letters offering the support of many of the most prominent Democrats in the State. For these assurances I am deeply grateful, and if nominated and elected will give the duties of the office my very best attention.

Respectfully,  
J. B. SHERRILL.  
Concord, N. C., March 21, 1908.

The room, brought out a canary bird and its cage—the only thing that was saved. All the doctor's books, medicine, instruments, his diploma and license were destroyed. About 1,100 pounds of meat, and lard from six nice hogs, were consumed. Dr. Cathell will rebuild as soon as he can get his affairs straightened out.

## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### Double Header on the June Bug. Fine Cattle from the State Farm.

Statesville Landmark, March 24-27.

Sharpe Bell, colored, died a few days ago in Cool Springs township. Sharp was known to many people as a citizen who had a mania for stealing cows. Within a year he stole four or five cows and served many terms on the chain gang accordingly. He was on the Iredele roads for a long time, finishing his last term a few months ago. Once he escaped and while enjoying his liberty stole another cow. He was apparently harmless and inoffensive but when a cow came in his way he couldn't resist the temptation to take her.

The condition of Rev. J. B. Branch, who has been critically ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Sowers for some days, has been improving since Wednesday night and it is thought that the worst has passed. His mother, Mrs. H. E. Branch, of Clinton, S. C., and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Branch, of Salisbury, are here with Mr. Branch.

Supt. Meacham, of the State farm, will load about 50 head of beef cattle at the depot tomorrow, 25 of them being raised at the State farm. The remaining 25 were fattened by cattle men in the county who fed them according to the direction of the Department of Agriculture, as an experiment, just as Mr. Meacham fed those at the test farm. The cattle will be shipped to John Redmond, a stock dealer at Richmond, Va., who will sell them for the owners.

An amusing (and yet it might have been a serious) runaway occurred late Wednesday afternoon on Court street. J. H. Wilson's horse and buggy were leaving the tailor shop at a good pace when the front axle of the buggy suddenly broke loose from the bed. Young Robert Wilson, who was in the buggy, struck the ground "a-runnin", struck the front of the bed dropped, but he managed to hold on to the lines until he stopped the horse. The amusing part of the incident was the fact that when the young driver felt the buggy dropping, instead of turning loose the lines and falling to the ground, he jumped over the dashboard and, holding to the lines, ran on after the horse and two wheels until he stopped them.

Capt. Tom Rowland felt just a little "set up" Saturday because his train was a double-header during the trip from Statesville to Charlotte. A small locomotive had been dispatched from Spencer to save the expense of having two conductors the extra engine coupled up in front of the Junebug engine and the two puffed away towards Charlotte with the little train of three cars in grand style.

A little grandson of A. M. Saville probably about 14 months old, was seriously but not dangerously burned Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Saville on the Boulevard. The child had been left alone in a room for a few minutes and when members of the family responded to his screams they found the little fellow's clothes in flames. His feet and legs were painfully burned before the flames could be extinguished. The child had been playing with a small broom and it is thought that the broom was ignited from the open grate and his dress ignited by the broom.

Anderson Hodge, a Salisbury negro, is in jail here awaiting trial in Iredele Superior Court for retailing. The officers have known for some days that Hodge was a regular walking saloon or blind tiger, but up to Wednesday they were unable to get a case against him. He has been making trips from Salisbury to Statesville about three times a week and each time he carried a heavily laden suit case. The officers got on to his game Wednesday and when they arrested him they found three pints of liquor and a drinking glass in his pockets, and on going to his boarding place they found a gallon in his suitcase. He was tried before Mayor Grier Wednesday and sent to jail in default of a \$200 bond.

## MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

### Burglar to be Tried. Davie Man Patents an Air Brake. Coolesme Rebuilds.

Mocksville Courier, March 26th.

A. H. Jarrett, mother and sister, and friend Miss Clingman, of Yadkinville, spent one day here the past week enroute to Salisbury to visit friends.

James Lang will be brought here this week from Charlotte to be placed on trial for burglary. It will be remembered that he is the supposed leader of the gang that attempted to rob the Bank of Davie in 1908. Many people here are eagerly waiting to get a glimpse of this notorious safe cracker.

A postal card was received from R. Q. A. Teague, of Farmington, on which he suggested the ticket for the coming election as reading, "For God and Heaven," the opposition, "For the devil and hell." Mr. Teague states that this would put it in a much truer light.

The Board of Graded School Trustees met Monday and decided to go ahead with the work and to give the town a graded school next year, beginning this fall. Hope this will be entirely satisfactory to all kickers.

Samuel Lawrence, who has held a position here for some time as printer, left Sunday for Salisbury where he has accepted a position on the WATCHMAN.

Among the patents issued last week by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., was one to W. A. Weant, of this place, for a fluid pressure air brake. We wish Mr. Weant success with his new invention.

C. S. Brown visited his mother Mrs. Cornelia Brown at Coolesme Monday. Mrs. Brown is in her 85th year and is in good health. She reads without the aid of spectacles. Mr. Brown tells us that while there, he sat in a chair that has been in the family one hundred years and over. Mrs. Brown's father and mother, bought the chair when they first began keeping house, and it has the first bottom that was put in it and is still in good condition.

Judge J. C. Pritchard will address the people of Davie county on the subject of State Prohibition at the court house on Monday, March 30, at 2 o'clock p. m. Let every one that can possibly do so, be present to hear this distinguished jurist on this subject.

Coolesme Journal, March 25.

The contractors arrived Monday and are working something like 200 hands. They are pushing the work with all the speed possible. The overseer in the several departments of the mill are overhauling and cleaning up the machinery. The machinists are here installing the finishing machinery. Quite a number of hands have gone to other mills to get work while the mill is shut down. The Erwin mills at Durham and Duke have taken a good many of the hands. The people seem to be very well contented, knowing that the company will push the work on the new building to an early completion with all possible speed.

## No Race Suficide in This Family.

There is a lady living in Chambersburg township who, yesterday, became the mother of the fourth pair of twins. For three consecutive times there were twins born after: which several children were born until yesterday she gave birth to twins again. She is the mother of twelve children, eight of whom were born at four different times. She also has two sisters who are mother's of twins and her grandmother was the mother of twins. Dr. Hill attended her yesterday and says that the last pair are stout healthy children.—Statesville Mascot.

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## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### Some News Items About Our Neighbor Town and County.

Concord Times, March 27.

Dr. D. D. Johnson, who has been proprietor of a drug store here for nearly 28 years, this week sold out his stock and business to Messrs. Mumford F. Ritchie and W. T. Wall, who will take charge of the store April 1. They will continue the business at the old stand under The Times office, which Dr. Johnson has occupied ever since he has been in Concord.

Sunday night last a fire consumed the dwelling on Marshal Dorton's farm, near Flowa, in No. 10 Township, eight miles south of Concord, and one mile west of Thunderstruck bridge. The fire is supposed to be an accident or carelessness by parties who stayed in the edifice overnight. The building was unoccupied, and card players are thought to have left matches or lighted faggots exposed in the house. If so it is hoped the persons will be discovered.

Mrs. A. M. Furr, of No. 9 township, died of paralysis at her home near Georgeville last Wednesday at 6 o'clock a. m. She had been very low for some time as we had noted before, of a complication of diseases. She was before marriage Miss S. A. Widenhouse. She was 68 years and 5 months old. She leaves a husband, six sons and one daughter.

John Fesperman and Davis Barnhardt, two young white men of No. 11 township, got into a fight last Wednesday in the road near the burnt mill bridge, and as a result Fesperman lies at his home with a "severe wound" over his eye, being inflicted with a three-pound weight in the hands of Barnhardt. The bone over his eye is crushed in, but his wound is not necessarily fatal. No arrest has been made.

J. R. Litaker, who had been so ill for some days, died Monday night about 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Litaker was taken to a hospital in Charlotte some time ago for treatment, and his condition greatly improved. Later, however, he relapsed, and nothing could be done to save him. He was a good citizen, and leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his death.

## Will Eliminate the Deadbeats.

The way some of the editors are discussing this new postal regulation, would leave the impression on the uninitiated that after April 1st, the editors will publish their papers only to supply their exchange list, as some of them are expressing it, they have come to "the parting of the ways." Of course they didn't mean it that way but many of them do seem to think that very few people will get papers after the new ruling goes into effect. Be calm, dearly beloved, those who appreciate your efforts will pay for their papers and those who do not appreciate them enough, will have to go without newspapers and it's serving them right too. Just console yourselves with the thought of the different complexion the subscription list will take on. All the deadbeats, those who swallow up the newspaper man's profits, will not be on it any more.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

## Killed by Lightning.

During a severe electric storm Wednesday night about 8 o'clock, near Hickory, Mrs. Sarah Feimster, widow of the late Jno. A. Feimster, was struck and instantly killed by lightning. Mrs. Feimster lived with her daughter, Mrs. Augustus Stroud, on the farm of Mrs. M. E. Gaither, two miles from Harmony, and when struck was sitting in the room nursing one of her grandchildren, who was unhurt and the grandmother was killed. Mrs. Feimster is about 68 years old and survived by a number of children and a large circle of relatives and friends.—Statesville Mascot.

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

### Several Deaths. Pythians to Have a Big Time. Mrs. Leonard Goes in Training.

Stanly Enterprise, March 26.

Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lowder at Norwood, died last week. He was about 40 years of age.

The Albemarle Pythians are arranging to have a splendid occasion at the district meeting to be held here on night of April 28.

R. A. Robinson, of Norwood, died Saturday morning. His remains were carried to Richmond county for interment. He was 68 years of age and a brother of Mrs. J. W. Bostian, of this place.

Charles B. Laffer, a prominent citizen of New London and well known in the county, died yesterday morning from diabetes. Mr. Laffer was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and several grown sons and daughters. His daughter, Mrs. Luther Earnhardt, of this place, left yesterday to be at the interment, which takes place in New Bethel church cemetery this morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Hester Leonard recently accepted a position in the school of trained nurses at the State Hospital at Morganton. She formerly lived in Albemarle, and for a year has been in the home of Rev. Dr. Murdoch, at Salisbury, as companion to the mother of Mrs. Murdoch. Previous to that she was taking a course as trained nurse, which was interrupted by her own illness; She intends now to complete the course, and enter the work as a professional.

## Congressman Shoot Negro.

When a negro, by the name of Lumby, attempted to take a drink of whiskey in a street car in Washington, D. C., Friday night, Congressman Thomas J. Heflin, of Alabama, protested, and a desperate fight ensued. Congressman Heflin shot at the negro twice, one ball entering the head just above the ear, fracturing the skull. He claims that, owing to the animosity displayed against him as the author of a recent "Jim Crow" bill, he had asked and obtained permission to carry a weapon. Mr. Heflin's objection was raised against the negro's drinking, because of the presence of ladies on the car.

## White Caps.

Dressed up in some of his wife's clothes and claiming to be a woman visiting in the house, Richard Gill, a well-to-do negro farmer, was allowed to pass through a line of infuriated "white cap" illicit distillers, who surrounded his house last night to take revenge on him for having, as they believed revealed to revenue officers the location of a blockade distillery on the neighborhood. Gill had received a note with skull and bones, coffin and other gruesome symbols, warning him that he must leave the neighborhood or face death. He had ignored the note and the "white cappers" came a great company of them, and began firing at the house. At first Gill put out the fire and hid up the chimney. Later, however, his wife appealed to the marauders through the strongly barricaded door to at least let her and the child and also another woman, who was spending the night there, pass out in safety. This they consented to do, vowing their intention to burn the house thereafter with her husband in it. Gill then dressed in some of his wife's clothes and the three passed out safely. The house was then riddled with bullets, but not burned. Gill drove thirty miles through the country today to Raleigh and reported the case to the State and United States officials.—Raleigh Dispatch.

## Best Healer in the World.

Rev. F. Starbird, of East Raymond, Maine, says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve for several years, on my old army wound, and other obstinate sores, and find it the best healer in the world. I use it too with great success in my veterinary business." Price 25c at all drug stores.

## MEETS JUNE 24TH.

### Democratic State Convention to Meet in Charlotte.

The State Democratic Executive Committee at its session in Raleigh, on Thursday, March 4th, selected June 24th as the date and Charlotte as the place for the State Democratic Convention. 79 members were represented by person or proxy at the roll call. After a long discussion, the committee endorsed Wm. J. Bryan by a close vote.

The decision of the State Democratic executive committee to hold the coming State Democratic convention in Charlotte in June recalls the memorable convention held in this city in April, 1858, just half century ago, the convention which nominated Judge John W. Ellis, of Rowan, for Governor over W. W. Holden, of Wake, in one of the most spirited political contests ever waged in the State. While details of this convention are meagre it is known to have been a very stormy one, the Holden and Ellis factions both displaying considerable feeling in the hall as well as outside while the meeting was in session. The convention assembled on Wednesday, April 14th, and the nomination was made Thursday following, the session being held in the old court house which then stood on the corner of Trade and Church Streets, on the site of the palatial Selwyn Hotel. Capt. John Walker, of Mecklenburg, served as temporary chairman of the meeting until Gen. C. M. Avery, of Burke, was made president of the convention.—Charlotte Observer.

## Has a Familiar Sound.

This Union is rapidly hastening toward a state of society in which the President, Senate and House of Representatives, will fulfill the duties of kings, lords and commons, and the power of the community pass from the democracy of numbers into the hands of an aristocracy, not of noble ancestry or ancient lineage, but of moneyed monopolists, land jobbers, and heartless politicians. "This quotation is not, as might appear, a present day jeremiad, but its author was William Lyon Mackenzie, the instigator of the Upper Canadian rebellion of 1837, and he gave forth this utterance in 1840, after three years residence in the United States.—Boston Transcript.

## Gaze on Child Buried Fifty Years Ago.

When Postmaster Joseph Widener, of New Hartford, lost his little daughter fifty years ago his wife and he were horrified by the thought of physical disintegration, and they sought the aid of a New York undertaker to preserve the child's features. As a result the body was buried in what was known as an "air tight" coffin of iron with a cover of glass. The undertaker assured the sorrowing parents that if they looked at their daughter's corpse a half century later it would be as natural as it was then. The fifty years expired this week, and the Wideners had the body exhumed. When the earth was removed from the glass cover they saw the child's face as calm and unchanged as on the day of death. The coffin was reburied and the Wideners are happy in the belief that the earthly form of their child will defy the ravages of all time.—Waterbury Dispatch to New York World.

## No Use To Die.

"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. P. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be living today only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease after the case is pronounced hopeless." This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness, is sold under guarantee at all drug stores, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.