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ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Rev. R. E. Neighbour, of Salisbury, to Hold a Meeting at Albemarle Shortly.

Stanly Enterprise, June 18th.

There is comfort in the knowledge that home-raised fruit is now being marketed. But for the fact that we are in the throes of a Republican panic, general good feelings over the situation would prevail.

Dr. J. I. Campbell purchased one of the auctioneered lots on Hearne Heights last week. He informs us that he has also invested in a lot at Norwood, and will probably move to the latter place and locate in the near future.

Rev. Mr. Neighbour, of Salisbury, who has been invited to hold a tent meeting in Albemarle, writes to Mr. Simms: "My church agrees that I come to Albemarle. Let us now begin to plan and pray. Will write in a few days." Mr. Simms, of the First Baptist church, says that some difficulty is being encountered in securing a suitable lot for the tent—to suit everybody and Mr. Neighbour; but he hopes by next week to be able to announce the location of the tent in some suitable and central place, and make definite announcement to the meetings.

The "wet" Democrat is the fellow our Republican friends are elbowing these days. Strange how little these vote bidders think it takes to make a Democrat who knows where he stands and who has a way of thinking for himself.

The auctioneering of lots last week in our little city showed that Albemarle dirt is greatly in demand. Dr. V. A. Whitley sold several lots nicely located, convenient to the graded school and to the business part of town. While these brought a reasonable price, the figures were not in the fancy column. The lots of 50 feet frontage averaged something over \$150. Those on Hearne Heights sold around the sum of \$100 apiece. The Cotton estates brought something over \$3,000. But we understand that title has not been transferred on the latter. There was no dearth of buyers, and the sale of last Friday may give impetus to the building business in our town, which up to the present has shown no signs of letting up despite the panic.

They Will Like it on Trial.

Rumblings and dissatisfaction with the present plan of our primaries are growing apace, and will, we think, in the early future shape themselves into a definite protest against the system. The makeshift "scattering" primary now in vogue has little to recommend it, though it has served to show the need of a legalized primary, in which candidates of all parties may be voted for on the same day. Under the present system it is practically impossible for a man of limited means to contest for State office, however well fitted or capable he may be, and this fact alone is sufficient to make the plan objectionable. Of course, a legalized primary with every county voting on the same day, the expense to be borne by the State would not entirely eliminate the expense to the candidate, but it would simplify matters wonderfully and relieve him of a great deal of the cost. It would also give the State's protection to the ballot at the primaries the same as it now does in the elections, and there would be no possibility of "packing."

We have passed beyond the old style convention, because it will no longer satisfy the voters, with its opportunities for subverting the will of the people, and the new system to be what is wanted and needed must be perfected by legislative act. This, and this alone, will meet the case, so the Record for one favors taking the question up at once, and we cast our vote for the legalized primary.—Rocky Mount Record.

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AN INTERESTING CASE.

Sensational Trial Which Involves the Character of a Well-Known Minister.

The case of C. M. Billings against The Charlotte Observer was called in Rockingham Superior Court this morning. The trial promises to be the most sensational and fiercely contested ever tried in the county. Damages for \$80,000 are being asked. Learned and brilliant counsel appear on both sides. Messrs. Burwell and Candler and Judge F. I. Osborne, of Charlotte, and Scott and Reid, of the local bar, appear for The Observer Company, while Messrs. Glidewell and Lane and A. D. Ivie, of this county, and Col. J. T. Morehead and E. T. Justice, of Greensboro, represent Billings.

About fifty witnesses appear in the case. The majority of them are from South Carolina and among them are some of the most prominent Baptist ministers in that State. Judge George W. Ward, of Elizabeth City, is presiding at the trial.

The plaintiff opened the case with the introduction of Billings as first witness. He denied the charges preferred by the church at Blackville, South Carolina, from which he was dismissed while pastor. The letters which Billings was said to have written the negro house-girl were produced in court and placed in evidence. He denied the authorship and called them forgeries.

Witnesses who are familiar with his handwriting swore that the letters are in Billings' own proper handwriting. However, several handwriting experts will be introduced by both sides. The case is being warmly contested and will no doubt consume the remainder of the week.

D. A. Tedder, of Charlotte, a former lawyer, is employed as court reporter and is taking the testimony. The feature of the trial today was the reading to the jury by Judge Osborne of letters alleged to have been written by Billings to Katherine Moore, the negro servant girl, which were secured by some of the members of Billings' church and which, when read in church conference, caused the sensation, on account of which this case has been brought.—Reidsville special 16th, to Charlotte Observer.

The above trial came to a close Sunday. The jury held that the charges made by the Observer were true and assessed the Observer \$5,000 damages. Being a little out of the ordinary to find one not guilty and then fine him too the judge set aside the verdict and a new trial was granted.

Shaft Now Being Erected.

The Tryon Lodge Junior Order United American Mechanics is now having the shaft erected in Howard Gap, which they will unveil on July 4th, with appropriate ceremonies. The shaft will be twenty feet high with an eight-foot base of rustic design, and will commemorate the battle of Round Mountain in 1776, when Captain Howard defeated the Indians, as told in this correspondence recently.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, of Wake Forest College, State councillor of the Junior Order, will make the address, taking the objects of the order as his subject, and Rev. W. A. Newell, of Tryon, will deliver the historical address.

A picnic dinner will be served and baseball and other athletics arranged for the afternoon.—Tryon, N. C., special to Charlotte Observer, 18th.

Thinks It Saved His Life.

Lester M. Nelson, of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery many years, for coughs and colds, and I think it saved my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would no more be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventative of pneumonia, and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

STATE NEWS.

From All Parts of the State. Items Condensed for Busy Readers.

The prohibition law for McDowell went into effect June 1st, and as a result of the new law there was nothing doing in the mayor's court last week. Mayor Wood reports that not a single arrest was made last week except for offenses committed previous to June 1st.—Marion is now a dry town, the act passed by the legislature over a year ago making the town dry being put into operation June 1st. A large crowd was here Saturday to bid "Old Boozes" farewell. They came from far and near, some of course to look on, others to "lay by a little in case of sickness," etc.—and suit cases, grips, oil cans, jugs and telephones were in evidence on every hand and when the saloons closed the supply was about exhausted.—Marion News.

Turner Ostwalt, of Turnersburg township, Iredell, received a shipment of 22 foxes last week from Missouri, and turned them loose in the hopes of having hunts this fall and winter.

Rosa George, a negro cocaine fiend in Greensboro, held up a little girl on the street who had a dollar given her by her mother to pay rent, and took the money, spending it for cocaine. She was arrested and jailed.

It is stated in the Enterprise that some people live in High Point who make it a business to go around after dark and spit tobacco juice on the show windows of every merchant in town.

The Monroe Enquirer says: A cow belonging to W. H. Helms, who lives in the northern part of the county, swallowed a peeled hickory stick, sixteen inches long, some time ago. That stick came out of the cow's side one day last week, and while the cow did not "live to tell the story" she lived all right, is getting well and is seemingly suffering no bad effects from her strange experience.

Wilson F. Perry, being carried from Edgecomb county to Raleigh to spend a year in prison for forgery, leaped from the train as it passed Auburn, in Wake county, and made his escape. The officers fired at him, but he never stopped if he was hit. The train was moving along when he jumped.

W. F. Burns, of Jackson county, N. O., tells the officers of Spartanburg that while making a trip across Panther mountain with his pretty young wife, she was seized by six men, who beat him and carried away his wife. This is said to have happened in Greenville county, S. C. The officers are investigating the affair.

News from the cotton crop of the state is that the crop is doing finely and there is every prospect for a good one. The state agricultural department has sold \$92,000 worth of fertilizer tags this year, against \$87,000 a year ago, but this excess doesn't mean more cotton. The fertilizer is put into other crops.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of the paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Mail Carrier in Runaway. Negro Arrested Near Harrisburg on Serious Charge.

Concord Times, June 16-19.

W. H. Heglar, the popular mail carrier on rural route No. 6, was right badly bruised up in a runaway last Saturday as he was going out with his mail. When near the Young-Hartsell mill his horse took fright and ran away. The buggy was turned over and Mr. Heglar was dragged for about ten yards under it. Mr. Heglar, though seriously shaken up, was able to resume his journey, making the route as usual. Sunday morning he was unable to dismount and go out on his route, with no serious injury as a result of his mishap.

Jim Campbell, the man who raised so much cause about a month ago at Thos. Hopkins' residence, and who was sent to the chain gang for 14 months, escaped last Thursday. He was in a bad condition physically, and was left at the camp to do light work. Only he and the cook were there, and he walked off. He has not been heard of since, and is considered a happy riddance to the county.

A surprise marriage, which will be of interest to many, took place Sunday evening at 6:30 near Concord, when Krauth Thom, of Charlotte, assistant ticket agent at the Southern passenger station, wedded Miss Mary Elizabeth Bennett, of Richmond, Va. The marriage occurred at the home of the bride's cousin, J. T. Bennett. Rev. J. W. Long, of Concord, performed the ceremony. The groom is a son of J. A. Thom, of China Grove.

Considerable excitement was caused here yesterday about 11 o'clock when word was received that a negro had committed rape on a white woman at Harrisburg. Officers Boger, Brawell, Robinson and Earnhardt went at once to the scene to make an arrest. Later word was received that the negro had been caught by Constable Frank Gray and a posse of citizens, and that the woman who was outraged was not a white but a colored married woman named Bartow. The man's name could not be learned, but he had been working for Frank Teeter. He drew a pistol on the woman, and compelled her to submit to him under threat of death.

John G. Davis died last Saturday at the home of his brother-in-law, S. B. McWhirter, in No. 1 township, after a six months' illness of a complication of diseases, aged 52 years. Davis was for 22 years a resident of California, and returned to Cabarrus four years ago.

J. H. D. Walker, of No. 6 township, brought us last Saturday a sample of some oats of his raising. It was the White Spring oats, and the stalk was 5 feet and 7 inches high, and as large around as an ordinary lead pencil. Mr. Walker will report later the amount of the yield.

F. M. Dulin, of No. 2 township, was married last Sunday to Mrs. Lucy Stowe, of Cannonville.

Will be on Hand Early.

A recent New York dispatch states that Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, probably will leave New York for Denver four or five days in advance of the New York delegates to the national convention, according to a statement made at Tammany Hall today. The delegates will leave New York in special trains on July 3rd. It was said that Mr. Murphy desires to meet the leaders from the various States as soon as they begin to arrive at Denver.

"We are uninstructed and we will wait until we get to Denver and look the ground over before we decide what to say," said Mr. Murphy today when asked for a suggestion as to the Democratic convention. Replying to a question whether it looked to him as though Mr. Bryan will be nominated, Mr. Murphy said: "Yes, it does, judging by what I see in the newspapers."—Ex.

LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Tax Paying a Hard Job. A Plea to Pay Promptly.

Lexington Dispatch, June 17th.

Paying taxes is, next to dying, the hardest thing to do in the world. Nobody likes to pay tax, and many do not pay at all, and a great many pay only a part of what they should pay. Very many put off paying to the last hour, and that is what we have in mind here. The sheriff must settle with the state. It is law. While most Davidson county folks have paid, there are still some who have not paid, and this issue carries the last call for payment. Paying taxes is a duty of citizenship, and a real good citizen will pay, if he can, and most can, promptly. There is no use putting off the fatal day. Might as well pay it one time as another. If all paid soon after it became due, the business of the town, county and state would be run smoother.

The farmers made good time last week near here in spite of showers and are now practically through with wheat harvest. Threshing will begin almost immediately, as many people desire to put their grain on the market before the price falls off. Some new threshing machinery has been purchased in the county this year.

The county commissioners and the superintendent of health, Dr. D. J. Hill, forming the board of health, met last week to hear complaint from parties near Lake, who allege that health is menaced by standing water and flood in a creek caused by work on the railroad. No definite decision was reached in regard to it.

The heavy rains of the past two weeks, especially the rain Sunday, have washed loads of the top dressing from the macadamized streets and the gutters and catch catch basins have been filled with it. The naked rocks in the streets are beginning to show. In some places serious washes have been made. It would appear that the task of keeping up the improved streets is going to be one that requires promptness and much work.

For a week a force of surveying for the Southern Power Company, of Charlotte, has been working through this section, surveying for a line from Salisbury to Greensboro. The party was in charge of O. A. Meyer. This great power concern, one of the largest in the land, has a plant on the Catawba river below Charlotte, and is already supplying electricity to a large number of towns, both for street lighting and for power. It is not improbable that the power may be taken here by manufacturers. Meanwhile Whitney, which rightfully should furnish all this section with "juice," is doing nothing. The immense work is suspended and there appears to be nothing in sight. The plant, of course, will be completed in time, as millions have already been expended.

Although there is more or less talk about county candidates, we have heard no man's name mentioned for the house.

Hats or No Hats in Church.

Discussing hats or no hats in church, a minister writes that he has suggested to his congregation adhere to the time-honored custom of requiring men to be uncovered and women to be covered in church; and he nails it with the scripture, quoting what the apostle told the Corinthians. But we are sure the apostle never dreamed that hats two feet across would be worn by women, and if he had stood before a congregation of Corinthian ladies wearing M. W. Headgear, he would have called for hat pins quickly. We believe that women should wear their hats in church, but they've no business wearing Merry Widows there, and if they do, more harm will come of sticking to the apostle's words than in departing therefrom, for every man who has to sit through a sermon behind a screen of crazy millinery gets farther away from paradise by reason of the smothered cuss words he thinks.—Ex.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Case Against Hampton Dismissed. Sheriff Summers Receives Anonymous Letters.

Statesville Landmark, June 16-19.

The case of the United States government against Frank A. Hampton was tried in the Federal Court at Charlotte Friday and was dismissed. The indictment was brought against Mr. Hampton as president of the Bad Debt Collection Agency and charged him with using the United States mails to defraud. Messrs. Armfield & Turner, of Statesville, represented the defendant.

J. A. Hartness' residence, nearly a mile from the corporate limits, is now lighted by electricity, being the first of the suburban residences to connect with the current of the Southern Power Company, which is controlled by the city. By and by electric lights and electric power will become almost as common in the rural districts as the telephone.

Dr. A. B. Burns, formerly of Maysville, Ga., recently of Atlanta, has been in Statesville for a few days prospecting and it is understood will locate here for the practice of his profession. Dr. Burns was recently connected with a hospital in Atlanta.

O. L. Turner, of Monbo, who spent yesterday in town, says the main part of the dam for the Turner Cotton Mills on East Monbo (on the Iredell side) is completed with the exception of filling in the waterways, and the foundation for the buildings is being laid.

A portion of Otto Henry's thumb, on his left hand, was mashed off Friday morning by being caught in the heavy door of a safe in the store of his father, R. F. Henry. The injury is a very painful one.

Sheriff Summers has received an anonymous letter, postmarked Eufola and signed "A Friend that Knows," which is plainly intended to intimidate the sheriff with reference to a case now pending. It might be just as well to say that the sheriff is not the sort that scares easily and the writer of the letter is inviting trouble.

Mrs. Mary Tatum, an aged and esteemed lady of Davie county who was known to quite a number of Statesville people, died Tuesday at her home at Farmington. She was about 75 years old and is survived by three children, one of these being Rev. Frank Tatum, who is in China as a missionary of the Baptist church. The death of the aged mother is deeply mourned by a large number of relatives and friends in Davie and Iredell.

Robert S. Holiday, colored, paid the special privilege tax to Sheriff Summers yesterday to practice medicine in Iredell. He is the only negro doctor in the county.

A Few Rabbit Facts.

In 1852 two rabbits were imported into Australia from England. These arrivals in that continent now number billions, and are a great pest. Five rabbits eat as much grass as one sheep. From 1878 to 1888 the Australian Government paid out \$5,888,015 as bounty for the noxious animals at the rate of 25 cents each, and from 1888 to 1896 \$2,200,000 for the same purpose. For some years the rabbits died by millions, owing to the drought, but since 1904, with the rainy seasons increasing, they have again come into notice, and bid fair to become as great pests as in the past.

An Interesting Bit of History.

The rather curious and striking incident in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Moore, of China Grove, N. C., is the fact that they have seven children who have preceded them to the heavenly world and seven living with the parents in their humble home in China Grove. Five of these fourteen children, born to this happy union, were born in the month of January, as follows: Walter F., born January 25, 1888; Gladis A., born January 5th, 1890; Oscar R., born January 18, 1892; Evan D., born January 15, 1906; and Banks D., born January 11, 1908. It is doubtful whether the like can be found in any family in the State.

A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY.—N.

MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

A Gentle Showman Turns Horse Thief and is Caught. Picking up Gold.

Mocksville Courier, June 18th.

A man giving his name as Walter Williams and claiming to be stranded from Walter L. Wood's dog and poney show, and giving his home as in Tennessee, stole a horse from W. B. Horn at County Line Sunday night about ten o'clock and was caught a few hours later at Oak Forest, about eight miles from County Line by Mr. Horn and some boys. He was taken back to that place and before a magistrate where he admitted his guilt. He was brought here Monday and placed in jail to await trial. Williams said that he was on his way to Statesville and had stopped for a few moments in an old school house out of the rain and to get some sleep. He had turned the horse loose when caught.

A gentleman arrived in our town Tuesday from parts unknown who had a beard five feet long.

J. B. Bowles of near Oak Grove called in to see us Friday and while here showed us some gold which he picked up on his place. Mr. Bowles is sure that there is plenty more of it on his land, and will have a party here in a few days from up north who will inspect it and see if a mine cannot be located.

Wiley Taylor of near Jerusalem died Tuesday night and was buried yesterday. Deceased had been in declining health for some time. His death being due to old age.

Miss May Miller who has been spending a few days here visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ratts returned to her home in Salisbury Monday evening.

Hail and Wind Storm.

A very destructive hail storm passed over the section from Pioneer Mills toward Flow's store, in No. 1 township, last Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The path of the storm was about one mile wide by two miles long, and all crops, fruits, etc., in this area were destroyed or badly damaged. Fortunately the hail stones were not large or the damage would have been much greater than it was. The cotton crop was ruined and it is now too late to replant cotton, the land will have to be planted in corn or something else. Many chickens and birds were killed, and nearly all the fruit was knocked from the trees. Many fruit trees were also torn up by the roots. Many fences were demolished, and the gardens literally destroyed. It seems that there was a cloud burst, a hail storm and cyclone combined, and it was the worst that has ever visited the section. All the leaves were stripped from the cotton, and nothing but the bare stalk left standing. In many places even the soil was washed away. The storm lasted for about an hour, and many expected to see their homes destroyed. The loss is very great, and will fall heavily on the people of that section.

Poverty in Human Heights.

Stature of the poor is less than that of people in easy circumstances, whatever may be the age of the individual considered. For example, in poor children the height is one meter forty-six centimeters at the age of 14; in well-to-do children of the same age it is one meter fifty centimeters; poor men stand one meter sixty-four centimeters high, whereas men in easy circumstances of the same age are one meter sixty-eight centimeters in height, both being of the same physical type.

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