

Correspondence.

PARK ACADEMY.

July 20.—Since Rooker has disappeared from our community and, according to his statement, has gone to Washington, D. C., and for fear that our community will not be represented in your wide famed paper, I will try to write a few happenings from our neighborhood.

Crops are looking very well, but a good rain would come in nicely.

W. H. Earnhardt is teaching a very successful subscription school at Park Academy this summer.

W. A. Shuping has lately installed, among his other machinery, a new shingle saw which is doing nice work. He has already sawed about two thousand shingles and has timber on the ground for several other thousand.

Shuping Bros', Roller Mill is doing fine work and has a large custom.

There was an ice cream supper at John Basinger's last Saturday night which was largely attended by the young people of this community.

A. J. Brown visited in this neighborhood last Saturday night and Sunday. He came with Geo. H. Park from the joint debate at Crescent. Come again, Andrew, we enjoyed your visit very much.

We hear that Bro. Xerxes has many valuable recipes for different things, one of which is a recipe telling how to reduce the nuisance of the "Fly." I think the people all over the county would like very much for him to give this valuable information in the columns of THE WATCHMAN.

We have heard through the representatives in this community of the joint debate at Crescent, between the Crescent and Rockwell boys, that Rockwell came up with three two-horse loads of delegates, but went back with an empty sack so far as the question was concerned.

Stadlar, Park, Shive & Co. went fishing down on Second creek last Friday. They report a fine time and plenty of fish.

With best wishes to THE WATCHMAN and its many readers.

MARION.

WEST LIBERTY.

MR. EDITOR, please spare me space in your paper to correct the statement that one of the correspondents made in the items he wrote several weeks ago about the Sunday school at Liberty falling to pieces. It is a mistake. The superintendent did write to his pastor, before the last quarterly meeting, that he was going to resign, but he didn't say anything about it at the meeting, and that didn't throw him out. Owing to the condition of his family he stayed at home three or four Sundays. He is going to be the superintendent just as he was before, if all will do their part toward him. No person can please everybody, but if all will do their part toward the Sunday school we will soon have a splendid school. A lot more could come to Sunday school than do, but everybody goes where they want to. We think, if any one wants to know how the Sunday school at Liberty is getting along, the best way to find out is to come and see. It hasn't fallen to pieces yet and we hope it never will.

From reports in circulation there will be a wedding very soon, but I guess no one will get married before they want to.

The Morgan township Sunday School convention will be held at Liberty M. E. church Thursday, July 30, 1908, 10 a. m. Everybody is invited to come. We are expecting to hear something worth listening to that day.

Miss Anna Peeler was a welcome visitor at Miss Lentz's last Saturday night.

The North Church street is a street that some boys like to travel as well as some girls.

Rev. James Willson preached a good sermon at Liberty last Sunday.

I. L. E.

There will be a joint meeting of the Woodmen camps tonight.

SALEM CHURCH.

People are through laying by. Wheat threshing is in order now. John Locke Link and a Mr. Fricce are both in this community now. Wheat is tolerably poor.

D. A. Sifford, M. J. Bost and L. W. Lingle have recovered from their sickness.

Archie Albright has been sitting on the top of his house looking down the chimney, having on his broad-rim hat: it's a girl.

L. W. Lingle will move to town this fall to occupy his fine house. He rented his farm to J. M. Albright, so we understand.

S. B. Colley is grandpa again. L. M. Safrin is having chills.

The barn of J. E. Briggs might have been struck with lightning and it might not have been.

Rev. B. S. Brown will fill the pulpit at Salem the 4th Sunday in July. Rev. Brown will take charge of his work in the Salem pastorate the first of August. Rev. Brown is one among the best preachers in the North Carolina Synod and we welcome him and his family in our midst. We wish him God speed.

The Sunday school convention of Locke township will be held in Salem E. L. church, on August 6th, beginning at 10 a. m.

The corn crop in this community is looking fine so far.

Mrs. W. G. Honeycutt and her daughters, of Cabarrus, are visiting her father this week.

JOHN.

CHESTNUT HILL.

July 20.—George Bost, wife and sister, visited at N. C. Eagles Sunday evening.

The little son of Lice Melton had two of his fingers cut off by machinery a few days ago.

Miss Ida Cornelison is contemplating going to Greensboro to make it her future home there for a few months.

Misses Regina Boggs and Ruth Holland, from St. Matthews' neighborhood, visited at Haywood Cornelison's a few days ago.

Mrs. Eli Eagle and son spent a day at the district conference while in session.

Wonder what has become of "Blue Eyes" from Piney Woods?

Alexander Shaver and wife spent a few days with J. W. Taylor and N. C. Eagle while conference was session.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lanier is sick.

Penick Alexander, from Texas, came to Salisbury Wednesday and spent a night with his brother, E. A. Alexander. They had not seen each other in ten years. It was a great pleasure to them to meet again.

The district conference was enjoyed by a number of persons. There were a number of good sermons.

BOBBY.

UNION CHURCH.

July 20.—We are having some hot and dry weather. Just now rain is very much needed.

There is a great deal of chills and malaria fever in this community at present.

Agner, Cauble & Co. have gotten the repairs for their engine and will resume work this morning at Jesse Klutz's near Salisbury.

There has been very much travel through our town for the last week.

Watermelons will soon be plentiful. You will have to watch the coons.

There will be a large crowd that will go on the excursion to Asheville July 31st from our community.

Some of our farmers will commence hauling rock this morning on the Bringle ferry road.

There has been much progress in cleaning out the Trexler gold mine near here which is said to be very valuable.

There was a good attendance at the Jr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 190, Saturday night of the 18th. Let the good work go on.

Success to the editor of the WATCHMAN.

GOLD HILL.

July 20th.—We are now having the hottest weather of the season the thermometer ranging in the nineties and the ground is dry here and we are needing rain very much.

Supt. Shepherd and Miss Hazel Shepherd time keeper here at the Gold Hill mine have left for their home in California. Rome Myers has been left in charge of the property.

Chas. Mears and Marshal Sell former firemen here have secured employment at Granite Quarry and are moving their families to that place.

Last week while threshing wheat at Dan Culp's barn in Stanly county, a thunder storm came up and lightning struck Culp's barn burning it up with about 100 bushels of wheat. Lightning also struck and instantly killed one mule and two horses, the mule was owned by Frank Small, and the two horses killed were the property of John Cruse. The loss was a severe one to Cruse as he is a farmer, and the barn was burned down last fall and rebuilt and now burnt a second time with the larger portion of his wheat crop in it. They had threshed about 50 bushels of wheat when the storm came up and also some oats which was saved.

Mr. Laney who is making a geological survey of this part of the State is again here accompanied by his niece, he says he will finish up his work here in 5 or 6 days.

Children's Day services were held here in the Methodist church last night.

Rev. John Sammey preached at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Jas. McCarnes who has been down with fever for 6 or 8 weeks is sufficiently recovered to be able to sit up.

Ralph Shaver who also has the fever is reported to not be doing quite so well, however his ultimate recovery is hoped for.

Water is getting to be quite an object in the lower end of town, the public well having gone about dry, the people are compelled to carry from springs farther away.

MIKE.

FAITH.

W. S. Earnhardt has been awarded the contract to build a handsome residence at Granite Quarry for Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hudson, on the lot next to W. H. Brown & Sons' store.

John Josey has been awarded the contract to furnish lumber to erect the new residence to be put up at Granite Quarry by Contractor Earnhardt.

Several automobiles visit our town every day loaded with people sight seeing.

July 19th, 1908, arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown's, a young granite contractor.

July 20th, 1908, a young housekeeper arrived at Rich Barger's.

Miss Addie Ketter is confined to her bed with sickness at her sister's here.

Peeler, Bame & Co shipped a car load of building stone to Beaufort, N. C., today.

Lots of work to be done here and not many hands to hire.

Miss Josey, a sister to Miss Josey, died Saturday. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. A. Trexler, at Organ Church Sunday afternoon. She was 74 years and 20 days old. She was living with Will Josey, at Crescent, at the time of her death.

Several granite cutters have commenced cutting granite at the Albert Lee Pink Granite Co. quarry.

Mrs. Seaford has fifteen boarders.

Several families on the granite belt now have a number of boarders. Quite a number of men have come in to work on the big Chigo granite job.

Big Junior Picnic.

All the councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and Daughters of Liberty, will join in a grand picnic at Fulton Heights Park, Salisbury, Saturday, August 8th. This will be the first general rally held in the county and will be an event long to be remembered by all who are so fortunate as to attend. Every council in the county is expected to take part.

A LAY SERMON.

What About Your Boys? Will You Encourage Them to Follow These Examples?

The Charlotte Observer recently commented on the fact that about twenty Charlotte boys who have run away from home, are now wandering over the country leading the life of hoboes. This causes the Monroe Enquirer to give expression to the following, which is a gem of its kind:

"We venture the assertion that very few, if any, of these young hoboes quit a job to see the world. The hard working boy, the boy who toils and sweats, and perhaps thinks sometimes that he is having a hard time of it, is not the boy who runs away from home. The idle boy, the one whose daddy is working like an ox to give him a good time, is the one who runs away and becomes a tramp. 'It is better for a young man that he bear the yoke in his youth.' That's a big tent and a sorry preacher could preach a good sermon from it. More boys get out of a rocking chair on a shady porch or from an easy hammock out in the shade in the yard and hit the road as common tramps than drop the hoe handle or let go the plow out in the blistering hot sun to become tramps. The man who is mean to his boy, who uses the boy like he would use a horse or an ox, just to make money out of him, is a mighty sorry piece of humanity, and if like begot like his offspring would be dogs—just a common breed of dogs at that—but so far as the good of the boy is concerned the man who over indulges his boy in idleness, who furnishes him spending money and encourages him to be idle, that man is meaner to his boy than the man who overworks the boy. This is putting it strong, but it is no theory that idleness is the bane of boyhood, as well as the bane of manhood. The religion and the philosophy of all ages condemn idleness. It has been the experience of humanity that idleness is the master force in the realm of evil."

Conditions in Indiana.

Speculation as to "doubtful States" is of course in the last analysis simply speculative. None the less, it is interesting. Especially so is it in the case of Indiana, which in 1904 gave Roosevelt a plurality of 94,000. The Providence, (R. I.) Journal, which in its political calculations is one of the most cautious and judicial-minded of papers in the United States, classes Indiana as possibly doubtful this year and gives these reasons for the faith that is in it: "Fairbanks' friends are said to be not enthusiastic for the Taft ticket, though they have promised it loyal support; there is a disaffected labor and negro vote, and the Democrats have put in nomination for the office of governor an exceptionally popular candidate." All these factors, argues our contemporary, will logically tend to drag down the Republican plurality. And when we consider Indiana's record as a "shifter" and the characteristic and historic independence of the voters it is not going too far to say there may be something in the contention. It gives its electrical vote in 1876 to Tilden and in 1884 and 1892 to Cleveland, and in 1880 Garfield carried it by the slender plurality of 6,641.—Richmond News-Leader.

Law Against Cigarettes.

For years there has been on the statute books of this State a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers to boys under 17 years old. In every community boys under 17 go on smoking cigarettes as if the law wasn't in existence and nobody is prosecuted for violating the law, which is proof conclusive that the law is violated with impunity. A writer in the Charlotte Observer calls attention to this cigarette evil and wants to know why the boys who smoke cigarettes are not arrested and made to tell where they get the cigarettes. A man with whiskey inside of him or in his possession can be sworn and made to tell where he got the goods. Why not try a similar process to suppress the sale of cigarettes, which are more dangerous to boys than whiskey.—Statesville Landmark.

There will be communion services at St. Matthews' E. L. church, near Craven, on next Sunday. Services also on Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

A GREAT SCHEME.

Greensboro Citizens Figure out a Method by Which Liquor Can be Handled.

A new idea has been suggested for the dispensation of whiskey as a medicine. The plan is not to allow any drug store in the city to sell it, but for the board of aldermen to buy a barrel, enough to supply Greensboro for a whole year, and turn it over to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and let them furnish it free of charge upon the presentation of a prescription from a physician.

This idea was originated by a prominent merchant of the city. To a representative of the News he said:

"Everybody was not in favor of prohibition, but since the measure was ratified by the people everybody wants to see the law enforced. Under the present plan of allowing drug stores to sell it upon prescription it is a well known fact that the privilege and that persons who are in ordinary health have been able to get whiskey when they were not actually in need of it. Another abuse is the quantity prescribed is often too much for proper medical purposes.

"I have been told by a physician that more whiskey is needed for the treatment of typhoid than for any other disease and that a pint is sufficient for several weeks treatment of a case of typhoid. In most cases, this physician said, where whiskey is prescribed a gill is sufficient for the entire period of treatment.

"Under the present method of selling whiskey for medical purposes prohibition does not prohibit. The way to make it effective is to take it out of the hands of those who sell it for a profit and let the Woman's Christian Temperance Union give it out, absolutely free, to those who need it. Under this plan it is absolutely certain that no prescriptions would be given except for cases of actual sickness.

"When whiskey is sold only in quantities actually required for sickness no drug store would care to pay the retailer's license for the privilege of selling it. A fifty-gallon barrel would be enough to supply the needs of the city for a whole year. This could be bought for \$100, and it would not cost the inhabitants of the city as much as a cent per year.

"The best way to regulate the sale of liquor for medical purposes is not to allow any drug store to sell it. Put it in the hands of the good women who have worked and prayed for prohibition. You may rest assured they will not abuse the privilege. This course is best for the cause of temperance and best for the cause of morality."

An "Eggs" Asperating Experience.

W. H. Kerr, who lives on Crawford street, recently purchased an incubator from the Heath Hardware Company and on even date of the purchase of the incubator he bought a lot of "fresh" eggs from a grocery store. He filled the incubator with those eggs, fired up the machine and in just a week, seven days, the fifty-second part of a year, two of those eggs hatched. That is a sign that the Heath Hardware Company sold Mr. Kerr an overly industrious incubator or the egg merchant is not much of a judge of fresh eggs. Mr. Kerr is raising no kick, however, about the eggs. He bought them for hatching purposes and they are two weeks ahead of time—but just think of the consequences if those eggs had been used for frying purposes.—Monroe Enquirer.

Fireman Has Close Call.

A very narrow escape was that of Fireman Sam Williams last Thursday morning. As passenger train No. 11, southbound, upon which Mr. Williams was firing, neared Yadkin river the tender became uncoupled from the engine and left the track. The train was running at a speed of something like forty miles an hour. Williams was in the act of taking up a shovel full of coal when the accident occurred and the sudden lurch of the tender threw him over on the other track. One of his arms was badly fractured, his face was painfully bruised and otherwise seriously injured. He was brought on to Salisbury and sent to the sanatorium for treatment.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

The Farmers' Institutes. Hen Lays Eggs With Holes in Them.

Fred Bowie, who has been in the United States army and in service in the Philippines, has returned to his home.

J. D. Collins, who lives on R. F. D. No. 3, is the first local farmer to place home-grown watermelons on the market. The first load was sold on the streets Friday. Mr. Collins had a number of ripe melons as early as June 27th.

Turner Ostwalt, of Fallstown township, who is one of the enthusiastic fox hunters of the county, received by express Saturday night 18 young red foxes from Canada. The foxes will be turned loose in Fallstown to furnish sport this fall and winter.

Egg curiosities are not uncommon but Master John Baringer has a hen that lays eggs with holes in them. There is a hole in the shell and for about a quarter of an inch into the egg. The hole doesn't release the contents of the egg and doesn't affect its value. The question is, what makes the hole in each egg?

The aged wife of Georg. Steele, colored, died early Saturday morning and was buried Saturday afternoon. She was one of the old-time negroes who stood well with her white acquaintances as with her friends of her own race. Her husband has been employed by the Wallace Bros. Co. for 40 years and enjoys the confidence and respect of his employers.

Iredell will have three farmers' institutes this year—one at Mooresville on the 15th of August, at the State Farm near Statesville on the 18th and at Eupeptic Springs on the 19th. Supt. Meacham will leave the last of this week for Shelby to join a party of institute holders and will be engaged in institute work for several weeks. He will have charge of a car of farm machinery which will be exhibited at the institutes.

Issac Youman, a foreigner, whose home is in Asia, was in town this week soliciting funds to build a church in his native country, where he proposes to engage in mission work among his people. He lives in a province adjoining Armenia but he couldn't speak English well enough to make clear the name of his home. In asking contributions he talked much about "Jesus Christ" and invoked all sorts of blessings on those who responded to his call.

Clay Myers was seriously hurt the past week while at work covering Jennings' bridge over Rocky creek. He fell from the rafters to the floor of the bridge, a distance of 12 or 15 feet. His collar bone was broken and he was considerably bruised. Myers is a young man about 18 years old.

Capt. E. J. Lilly died this morning a few minutes before 7 o'clock at the home of Wade H. Allison, on Davie avenue, from cancer of the stomach, from which he had suffered for a month. His condition had been critical and hopeless for some days. This morning he was sitting on the bed preparing to take some nourishment when he was suddenly taken worse and died in a few minutes.

More Pleasing Rumors.

Rumor has it that the Southern Railway company has been enabled to secure sufficient capitol to justify a resumption of the many improvements contemplated and in progress, at the time the late panic struck us. It is said the work of double-tracking the road between here and Danville will be resumed at once and that nearly all of the men who were laid off at the shops, will return to work at an early date. The Winston Journal says:

"Since none expected the work to be continued for some time the announcement will come to the public like a bolt from a clear sky, and heralding of the event will be good news to the thousands of unemployed in this and other States. It is understood that the contractors who have charge of the construction are on the lookout for hands and as soon as the working force can be organized and the materials hurried to the scene, the work will commence."

All of which has since been denied, and it goes.

Dr. Griffith Dies Suddenly.

Dr. J. F. Griffith died early last Thursday morning at his home in this city. The doctor was taken with a chill on the 18th and was confined to his room but a short time indeed, but few of his friends were aware of his illness. Dr. Griffith had been a resident of Salisbury for about thirty years and was one of the best known and warmly esteemed citizens of this city. The deceased took and active interest in everything which tended toward the betterment of his home town and this was especially true of his part in educational matters. He was a prominent and influential member of the school board for years and took a deep interest in all that concerned the well-being of our public schools. In his death Salisbury has lost one of its best citizens. The funeral service was held Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Methodist church.

Adds J. W. Campbell to the Faculty.

J. W. Campbell, who graduated this spring with the degree of B. S. from the South Carolina Military Academy, Charleston, has accepted a position in the faculty of Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute. He will be Commandant and professor of Modern Languages. Mr. Campbell has made a splendid record and comes to the institute with the highest recommendations from the president and faculty of the citadel.

Reports from the institute are that the outlook for the coming session is very encouraging. The patrons and friends are gratified at the improvements and new features which are being introduced, and a greatly increased attendance is confidently expected for next session.

Promotions for Three.

I. W. Wassum, who for the past year or more has been superintendent of the Southern terminals here, has been promoted to a similar position with the same company at Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Wassum's new position carries with it a substantial increase of compensation, and will afford a wider field for the exercise of his ability as a railroad man, which ability has been very thoroughly demonstrated here. His many Salisbury friends wish him good luck.

R. L. Avery, former general yardmaster here has been chosen to succeed Mr. Wassum, and the general opinion among railroad men is that the selection was a wise one. Mr. Avery is an experienced railroad man and is very popular with his men. A. M. Donaldson succeeds Mr. Avery as yardmaster.

Losses a Foot.

Another one of those accidents occurred here Thursday on the yards of the Southern, which has brought sorrow and trouble into a family and made a cripple of a boy. It is the old, old story. While a freight train was passing through the south yards between this city and Spencer, Mr. Forrest, a 13-year-old boy attempted to board the train. He made a miscalculation, fell to the ground and had one of his feet so badly mashed by the car wheels that it had to be amputated.

NORTH LIBERTY.

July 20.—We are in need of rain at present.

The weather is very hot and dry. The crops are not suffering very much yet.

The Sunday school township convention will be held at Liberty M. E. Church, Thursday, July the 30th, and a good attendance is expected.

Our good old friend, Ivy Morgan, has a horse that gives him service two ways at same time. He says he pulls the plow to plow his cotton and tops it at the same time. Quite a good horse.

I heard a man say the other day that he could get all the liquor he wanted, for less money, after the prohibition law goes into effect than he could before. How about it, Mr. Editor? If true, why didn't all the lovers of booze vote a prohibition ticket?

G. A. Canup thinks he is quite up with the times as to raising peas. He says he has blooms. That's nothing, George, I have ripe peas.

CALVIN.