

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Good results have been accom- plished by the new system of road working.

Dr. Marvin L. Smoot, county superintendent of health, has been requested to investigate the conditions in and around Rockwell where quite a number of typhoid fever cases have been

W. L. Klutz, of Rockwell, was in the city yesterday. He re- membered THE WATCHMAN office with a visit and said that the Barringer Cotton Mill is getting in fine shape and is expecting to begin operations on or about the 20th of September.

The Salisbury Eagles and their families had an enjoyable event Thursday, in the way of a barbecue, at the residence of Lewis A. Kesler, about seven miles from Salisbury on the Bringle ferry road.

Quite a number of Confederate veterans from this county attended the re-union in Charlotte last week. They all came home singing Charlotte's praises. They say they never had a more enjoyable time and were never better treated. The old soldiers are all right and we are always glad when a ray of sunshine falls across their path.

Dr. Jas C. Blasingame, of Rich- mond, Va., was in Salisbury Friday endeavoring to interest Salis- burians in an invention for shoe- ing shoes. The automatic boot black is the invention of a Vir- ginian, and is said to do a good job in seventeen seconds after having dropped a nickel in the slot. Dr. Blasingame hopes to have a branch factory established in Salisbury.

The marriage of Miss Cora Bell Webb, daughter of G. L. Webb, and M. L. Sparrow, both of Spen- cer, took place at the parsonage of the Baptist church, Thursday, August 19th, Rev. J. M. Dun- way, officiating.

E. R. Fonda, the courteous and obliging superintendent of the federal cemetery here, is being giving considerable annoyance by parties who fail to observe the rules governing the cemetery. He threatens to curtail the privileges of all visitors unless closer attention is given to the regulations.

The Pythians defeated the Old Hickory Club in the game of ball played by them at the park Thurs- day evening.

Superintendent of public in- struction for Rowan county, Prof. R. G. Kizer, has set aside Thurs- day, September 9th, and Friday, September 10th, to examine white and colored applicants respective- ly for teachers' certificates.

Rev. Saunders R. Gingham, of Greensboro, preached morning and evening at the Episcopal church.

Owing to the good roads of this county it is reported that Con- tractor McKinney, who will build a stretch of the Southbound rail- road, will make Salisbury his head- quarters from which base he will conduct his operations.

Only about 70 or 75 dogs have thus far been listed for taxation, consequently there seems to be quite a number which will be un- able to vote, should there be an election soon.

The Vance Mill school com- mittee has elected Prof. Arthur Thomas, principal, and Miss Car- rie Lingle, assistant, to conduct that school during the next term which opens October 4th

Geo. W. Davis, the veteran ma- chinist, who has served the South- ern Railroad here so long and faithfully has given up railroad- ing and will leave this week for the east coast of Florida, where he will raise pineapples. He has a grove started he says, and will add more to it this year and ex- pects in a few years to realize handsomely from it.

Hartline & Co., the harness deal- ers has a change of advertisement in this paper. For real good, strong, first-class harness, this firm is the place to go. The firm is offering a splendid new collar which will give better and larger service. See the advertisement.

Prof. Clarence E. Betts who has for several years been con- nected with the Salisbury public schools will leave Wednesday for Washington, N. C., to accept a position as teacher in the public schools of that city.

The barn of Eph Best, colored, out beyond Livingstone College, was burned Sunday night. The alarm was given at about 9:15 and the firemen responded promptly, but found upon arriving at the scene that there was no hydrant near enough to the fire for them to be of service. There was nothing in the barn but a little hay.

The restaurant of Charles Fore, on Lee street, one door from Council street, was burned at an early hour Saturday morning. Fore was awakened by a noise in the kitchen which adjoined his bed room. Upon opening the door he found the kitchen in flames. He gave the alarm and the fire de- partment responded at once and by hard work saved the main wing of the house and some fur- niture. The kitchen and its con- tents were burned before they could get there.

W. F. Clark, who says he is a deserter from the Navy, surren- dered himself to Sheriff McKenzie Wednesday, and asked to be sent back to his ship. He claimed Berkeley, Va., as his home, and told Sheriff McKenzie that he was tired of life in the navy, but after deserting had been unable to find work and had made up his mind to go back and submit to whatever punishment should be given him. The sheriff at once advised the War Department of the mans detention. He had a reply from the department on Saturday ad- vising him to send Clark to Nor- folk on Monday. He was sent there in charge of Deputy Sheriff Geo. Houck.

The aldermen last Friday night gave the Piedmont Street Railway Company permission to extend its lines down Council street past the passenger station to Long street the line will later be extended to East Spencer. The Piedmont Company is preparing to have everything in readiness to operate the cars when the fair opens in October.

Everybody is invited to come out and hear the speaking at Fulton Heights Park on Labor Day, Monday September 6th. Tickets for the barbecue have been placed on sale at Charles Marmora's Cigar store corner Main and Council street and by parties on the street for 50 cents each.

Sheriff McKenzie received a message Monday stating that A. A. Bailey a negro who is charged with stealing a child at Barbers Junction some time ago had been arrested at Rocky Mount Va., the Sheriff intended going after him on Tuesday morning but got word Monday evening that he had been released.

The city fathers have directed the street committee to make in- quiries with reference the cost of a sprinkler for the year past the sprinkling has been done by private parties but the aldermen are con- sidering the advisability of the city doing it.

Officers Davis and Burke flushed a negro at an early hour Tuesday morning in the alley between Trotts' saloon and Bailey's near beer saloon on Innes street. The negro was unloading four 8 gallon jugs of whiskey from a buggy and had placed them there in a pas- sage behind Bailey's saloon which is managed by Homer Miller and had the fourth in his hand. When he saw the officers he put this on the ground and escaped there was no one in the saloon at the time so the officers took charge of it and the buggy which was identified as belonging to C. M. Bailey it is probable that no action will be taken in the matter by the city authorities but that it be handled in the Federal Court.

Defect in the Public Schools.

It has often been remarked that newspaper men are scarce in North Carolina and the North Carolina Press Association has more than once discussed the dif- ficulty experienced by the various newspapers of the State in getting capable men for their reportorial staffs. It cannot be denied, how- ever, that the fault lies not with the young men themselves; the main responsibility must be placed on our public schools since a great percentage of the scholars turned out from them are half drilled in the rudiments of grammar and English composition. These reach the universities at an age when it is too late to repair the damage done.—Asheville Citizen.

DOING ABOUT CHINA GROVE.

Chicken Thieves Shot at. An Old Soldier Passes Away.

Zinery Kirk and sister, Miss Mary Kirk, of Kannapolis, were visiting home folks in China Grove Saturday and Sunday.

J. W. Cook, who has been quite sick with malaria for several days has so far recovered from the at- tack as to be able to be out again.

John Wallace, who lives in the suburb of town, heard a noise out at his hen coop Saturday night, and, shooting in that direction, he saw a couple of men leap over his back fence. He does not know whether he hit any one or not, but after going out and inspecting his coop he found that the chickens were all there.

Graham Robinson, Superinten- dent of the Franklin Cotton Mills, near Concord spent Sunday in China Grove.

Mrs. Noah Gabel, who has been very unwell for the past week or more, her many friends will be sorry to learn, she does not im- prove.

Mrs. Jane Caldwell, of Alber- marle, returned to her home Mon- day afternoon, after visiting in town for a few days, the guest of her niece, Mrs. W. J. Swiuk, on North Main street.

Mrs. W. B. Aull returned home Monday morning from Winston- Salem, where she had been attend- ing at the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society's con- vention, which was in session in that city last week.

Miss Mary Sifferd returned home Monday night from a three days' visit among friends in Hick- ory, N. C.

Miss Lola Walter, of Concord, returned home Monday afternoon, after spending a few days in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Edwards, on Harris avenue.

Miss Mary Litaker left Monday for Albemarle, where she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Constance Fleming, a stu- dent at Prof. P. E. Wright's school, spent Saturday and Sun- day with her parents at Landis.

A force of hands are distribut- ing poles along the road from here to Kannapolis, preparatory to ex- tending the line of the Bell Tele- phone and Telegraph Company from this place to Kannapolis.

A goodly number of our citi- zens took advantage of the low rates and accompanied the soldiers to the old soldiers convention held at Charlotte last week.

J. F. Hoffman, the piano man of Salisbury, and John P. Ragan, also of that city, were visitors in China Grove last Sunday.

Miss Briety Thom is visiting among friends in the mountains this week.

It is rumored that we will soon have another drug store in this place.

Mrs. C. J. Kimball has return- ed to her home on Columbia, S. C., after spending several days here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Luther Lentz came home Monday, after a few days visit in the country, the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. A. Petrea, out on free delivery route No. 2.

Miss Lottie Parker, a student at Prof. P. E. Wright's High School, who has been sick the past few days, is so much improved that she is now able to be out and resume her studies.

Miss Lottie Harris, who is at- tending Professor Wright's High School at this place, spent Satur- day and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris near Sumner.

J. F. Page moved his family last Saturday from a house on Ross street to the house recently va- cated by Mrs. M. M. Smith on the eastern side of the railroad.

M. B. James, who is superin- tendin g an overall manufactory at Chester, S. C., spent a few days in our little city the first of the week, shaking hands with his many friends here. Mr. James lived here and was superintendent of the Correll overall manufactory while it was doing business in China Grove.

OLD SOLDIER PASSES AWAY.

Eli Saffir, a fine soldier and splendid citizen of this place, died last Thursday from the effects of a deep cold and a wound in one of

his lungs received during the war. He had been sick little more than a week, and being a very active and robust man his death was a surprise to his large circle of relatives and friends. Mr Saffir was a little over 74 years of age. He was married twice and leaves a widow and several children, among them the following: Mrs. John Blackwelder, Mrs. J. M. Earnhardt, Miss Elsie and Flake Saffir by his second wife, and Lewis and Scott by his first wife. The funeral was held Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran church, and the interment took place in Green Lawn Cemetery, Rev. W. B. Aull officiating.

A Death in Cabarrus.

Paul Moose, an employee of the Southern Express Co., left for Gold Hill this morning to attend the funeral of his sister, Miss Elsie, daughter of Luther Moose, who lives in the old Dry Mill neighbor- hood, Stanly county. Miss Elsie died yesterday evening from the effects of typhoid fever. She was about 20 years of age and a splendid young woman, a conse- crated member of Bear Creek Re- formed church, and was loved by all who knew her. The funeral will take place this evening from Beak Creek church Stanly county.

"Magic Sails" A Reality.

In his aeromobile over Rheims Henry Farman flew whizzing a distance that would have carried him from Charlotte to Reidsville Davidson county roads hindering not at all. He only alighted because the gasoline tank was emp- ty. In his big rigidframe dirigible some time ago Count Zeppelin flew a distance that would have carried him from Charlotte into Canada and half way back again. Both aeroplane and dirigible have shown their ability to withstand strong winds, the latter, indeed, being safe against almost any blast so long as it remains aloft and does not fight its way ahead too obstinately. The monoplane aeromobile, in Blériot's fight across the English Channel and later at Rheims, has shown itself scarcely less airworthy than the biplane. Monoplane, biplane and all other heavier-than-air flyers operate, as every reader doubtless knows, up- on the very simple principle of a motor-driven kite, the motor re- presenting the string. They are now manufactured on a comomer- icial scale in Germany and France. The airship has only begun to de- velop yet, but its day has unmis- takably arrived.—Charlottesville Observer.

CLEANING UP SUMMER MERCHANDISE.

Big sale now over but we shall continue to clean up all Summer Goods.

- Apron Gingham..... 3c New lot of Calicos. Good styles at.. 5c
Another lot of that good 6c Apron Gingham in short lengths to go at 3c
6c Sea Island..... 5c Lot of colored Lawns, come just last days of the sale. New style and pretty. Worth 10 and 12c at..... 7c
Yard wide nice smooth Sea Island worth 6c at..... 5c Big lot of colored Lawn in short lengths. Worth 10c to clear up... 5c

Bargains in Men's Suits. Lots of Men's Suits, only one or two of each kind to close out at 1-3 and 1-2 regular price. You will find just lots of Bargains all through our store.

BELK-HARRY COMPANY.

Poor Man Does the Paying. "The average taxpayer," says the State Democrat, "is the forgotten man' all the way from Aldrich's robber tariff clear down to the special township levy." The truth of this statement will not be questioned by any unbiased observer. The Landmark has again and again called attention to the discrimination in tax as- sessments against the small prop- erty-holder; and the tax on books will show that as a rule the cheap- est class of property is taxed to the limit, while the more valuable usually owned of course by the wealthy, is assessed at one-third to one-half. Thus the man who has little pays the limit on all he has; while he who has much is re- lieved of much that is justly due. It is the same way all through, as the State Democrat says. In the tariff bill the articles of common

use among the masses, the things the poor have to buy, are most highly taxed. All the discrimi- nations and the concessions are in favor of those who need them least. The burden is heaviest on those least able to bear it. If the common people could ever thoroughly understand the dis- criminations made against them in this respect, something would happen. This sounds like dem- agogues but it's the truth and the truth should be told if wrong is ever to be righted.—Statesville Landmark.

Double Track to Glass.

The reason for the recent sur- vey work on the Southern Railway between Salisbury and Glass has leaked out. It means a double track between the two points. It is said a contract has been given Lane Bros. to do this work. If this be true it is likely the quarry near the toll bridge will resume its old-time activity.

Dr. L. S. FOX, THE BUSY DENTIST, WHY? It will pay you to find out. TERMS STRICTLY CASH.

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