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Items of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Sent in by Our Friends

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FAITH.

Jan. 20.—The officers of the Patriotic Order Sons of America were installed last Friday night by authority of the district president. The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: Chas. A. Peeler, president; H. T. Hess, vice president; O. J. Misenheimer, p. president; J. T. Ritchie, R. secretary; S. E. Misenheimer, assistant secretary; J. A. Peeler, treasurer; Lone Barnhardt, master of forms; Geo. A. Peeler, conductor; J. A. Jones and T. E. Lingle, guards; J. L. Shuping, chaplain.

Young lady at Mr. and Mrs. Aune Redwine's, January 17th.

John Ritchie has his new residence under cover and is getting along fine with the building.

Some of the granite contractors had pay day Saturday. J. T. Wyatt's pay roll was \$568.48, being for work done the latter part of 1911, and just now came in.

Young housekeeper at Mr. and Mrs. Will Trexler's January 20.

Miss May Wiley is at home on a visit to her parents from Smith-dell's Business College, Richmond, Va., where she has been for several months taking a business course.

David D. Peeler, the oldest resident of Faith, is very feeble and has heart trouble.

Come now, Yadkin Valley Ripples, we like your items.

VENUS.

BOOKWELL.

Jan. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stackleather moved into the residence of J. B. McCombs last Wednesday.

Julius Frick is all smiles because it is a big boy.

Miss Bertha Stackleather visited Miss Lillie and Pearl Good-man Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goodman visited at Albemarle Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lucile Linn, of Salisbury, visited home folks Saturday.

Mrs. W. R. Misenheimer and Mrs. H. W. Boat visited Mrs. Boat's father Saturday night.

Miss Ruth Trexler visited Miss Mae Frick Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fisher are thinking of moving to Concord soon.

Moses Holshouser has a smile two by four, because it is another boy.

Come on Venus you promised to tell us the news, we have looked the papers over and haven't seen any yet. COUNTRY KIDS.

PUMPKIN CENTER.

Richfield, Route 2, Jan. 22. There is a great deal of 'phone fever in this community at present, some have it very bad.

The Pinywoods Telephone Company, held a meeting Saturday, exercises began at 1 o'clock p. m.

Miss Ada Eagle, of Salisbury, has been visiting in this community for some time.

Miss Carrie Shaver left today for Rutherford College, N. C., where she expects to remain until school closes.

W. A. Kirk has been visiting in Stanly for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Arey visited in Albemarle, Sunday.

Charlie Basinger has a very smok horse at this writing.

Mrs. I. M. Shaver slipped and fell on the ice last Monday, and has not been able to walk since, except by the aid of a stick.

Keith, the little child of Jas.

Whitley, caught on fire at the wash-pot Saturday evening and was so badly burned that she died Saturday night and was buried in the cemetery at Zion M. E. Church Sunday evening. Rev. R. L. Forbis conducted the funeral service. The mother of the child was also very badly burned. The family has our heartfelt sympathy. BILL.

RIVERBOTTOMS.

Jan. 18.—We are having some cold weather along now. The Yadkin river is frozen over. It certainly is something to see. It has been several years since it has been frozen over.

Say girls, it is leap year now. You all know it is our time to go to see the boys. Come on girls let's go, we must not let any one get ahead of us because the River-bottom girls are always smart.

The Pool Town school is closed this week on account of the river being frozen over so the teacher cannot cross.

We noticed in Uncle Josh's items that he had some good looking girls. How are they upon the creek?

Miss Pearle Crook and Miss Jessie Reid are talking of taking a trip to Richmond, Va. We wish them much pleasure on their trip, should they go.

Come along Jennie and give us all the news. Don't think because you are married we don't want to hear from you.

I think I will have some weddings to report soon. RUBY.

About Counting Chickens.

The Greensboro Record warns Democrats not to count their chickens before they are hatched, and says: "there must be a change of 800,000 votes for the Democrats to win." This is on the basis of the 1908 presidential vote. These 800,000 voters have already changed, as witness the 1910 election. They must change back to the Republicans after leaving them for the Democrats to win.

All the same, the admission of the Record is in season. The signs all point to a Democratic victory, but it can only be won by wise legislation by the present Congress, a sound platform and the nomination of candidates who have the confidence of the country. No Democrat who favors a do-nothing, standpat program can win, and unless this Democratic Congress measures up to the expectations of the people they will jeopardize the Democratic victory now almost within our grasp.—Raleigh News and Observer.

An Interesting Question.

Atlanta, Jan. 20.—If a man deliberately spits in the plate from which you are eating, does that justify you in killing him? If you ought to kill him, what ought you to do? And if you do kill him, what is a reasonable punishment for the homicide?

These interesting questions are being pondered most seriously by Governor John M. Slaton, and will have to be answered by him shortly. Not that anybody has spit in his plate. Perish the idea. If anybody had, the governor would probably have killed him first and figured it out afterward, at least he might have. But this case relates to a poor negro whom the governor met and talked to on the State prison farm.

He seemed to be a good negro, with a kindly face and honest eyes. Yet he was up for murder, and had already served twenty years.

He sought out the governor to ask him for clemency. He said he had never committed any other crime, and that he wouldn't have killed the man if he hadn't been "jes' blegged to do it."

"Why did you kill him?" the governor asked, and the negro responded. "Well, him an' me was working on a job in Savannah, an' when dinner time came he keep leanin' over my plate. An' I telt him not to lean over it that way, an' do you know, governor, he spit right in my rations. Dat's why I killed him. I'm sorry I done it, but I think twenty years is long enough to serve."

President Favors Telegraph Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 16.—It is learned by the highest authority today that President Taft is in sympathy with the government ownership of telegraph scheme. Hitchcock and Taft have conferred often regarding the plan and it is understood that Mr. Taft may before the close of his term recommend its adoption by congress. Hitchcock in publishing his views plans to feel out the public without committing the President to its principles. If the public approves it President Taft will urge its adoption as pointed out in the White House statement yesterday, the President carefully avoided a denial of his personal approval of the plan.

Breaks 25 Years' Silence. Drops Dead.

Forty-two years ago Louis Raeder and his wife lived in the same house in Marysville, Ky., without speaking to each other.

Last Sunday, without any apparent reason, the wife broke the silence by asking her husband to have a cup of coffee. He replied: "I believe I will."

Hardly had he uttered the remark than he was attacked with heart trouble and died.

The incident leading to the tragic climax was not disclosed until his will was made public. The dead man, who was a large property owner, willed everything to his wife. His body will be cremated and his ashes cast to the winds from the Cincinnati Suspension Bridge.

Sale of Valuable Town Lots and Farming Lands.

Pursuant to a judgment and decree of the Superior court of Rowan county, in the cause entitled T. L. Thompson and others against Thos. Hellard, Sr., Floyd Thompson and others, appointing the undersigned commissioner in and to the estate of the late Jesse Hellard for division and partition, the undersigned will sell at public auction at the court house door in the city of Salisbury on

Saturday, January 27th, 1912, at twelve o'clock P. M., the following described real estate:

(1) Two vacant lots lying and being in the town of East Spencer, fronting and situated on the northwest side of Henderson street and known as lots Nos. 18 and 15 respectively, lot No. 15 beginning at a stake on the southwest corner of the intersection of Shaver street extension and Henderson street, now corner of lot No. 14, thence with line of lot No. 14 or extension of Shaver street south 57 degs. 45 minutes 158 1-2 feet to a stake on the alley thence with edge of 12 foot alley 80 70 feet north 89 degs. 30 minutes west to a stake, corner of lot No. 18, thence with edge of lot 18 north 57 degs. 45 minutes east 168 feet to a stake on the southeast corner of the extension of Shaver street and Henderson street, thence with the edge of Henderson street 80 feet south 32 degs. 15 minutes east to a stake to the beginning corner. And lot No. 15 is bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on the southwest corner of the extension of Shaver street and Henderson street, thence with the edge of Henderson street 80 feet to a stake on the southeast corner of the extension of Shaver street and Henderson street, thence with line of said lot 12 south 57 degs. 45 minutes west 148.08 feet to a stake on edge of alley, thence with edge of said alley 50 feet west 39 degs. 30 minutes west to a stake on the southwest corner of the extension of Shaver street extension, now lot 14, thence with line of lot 14 west 57 degs. 45 minutes east 148.08 feet to the beginning corner. For back title to these two lots reference is hereby made to Book No. 60 page 508.

(2) One tract beginning at a stake in the Statesville road, thence north 10 degs. east 30.10 chains to a stake, thence north 89 degs. east 18.80 chains to a stake, thence with new line south 14 west 6.50 chains to a stake, thence south 76 east 6.08 chains to a stake on the corner, thence with lower line south 10 west 18.75 chains to a stake on railroad, thence with railroad 18 chains to a stake, thence south 18.75 chains to a stake in the Statesville road, thence with road to the beginning, containing 75 and 3-4 acres more or less; less however 55 acres heretofore conveyed to J. H. Carson deed for which is registered in book 125, page 83, and which is shown on this tract about 20 and 3-4 acres. For back title to this tract, reference is hereby made to book No. 114, page 892.

(3) One tract of land lying and being in Scotch Irish Township on the south side of Third Creek and being part of the Neely Mill tract and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on Third Creek on Powlass' line, thence in an easterly direction to the Powlass' line to a sweet gum, Powlass and Carson's corner, thence with Carson's line to an ash, Carson's corner near Third Creek, thence with Carson's line to its junction meandering to the beginning, containing 36 acres more or less. For back title to this tract reference is hereby made to Book No. 75, page 176.

(4) Six vacant lots in the part of the town of Salisbury known as Fulton Heights, as shown on the R. A. Wheeler map registered in the Register's office of Rowan county in Book 104, page 602, as follows: Lots Nos. 3, 11, and 13 in Block No. 8 and lots Nos. 11, 12 and 13 in block No. 5. These lots are 50x150 feet each, as the same appear on said map, to which reference is hereby made.

(5) 19 vacant lots in the part of the town of Salisbury known as Fulton Heights and being a part of the R. A. Wheeler property as shown on the Wheeler map registered in the Register's office of Rowan county in Book 104, page 602 and being lots Nos. 16, 8, 5, 15, 7, 8, 2, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 1 in Block No. 3 and lots Nos. 18, 19, 8, 9, 10 in Block No. 24, and also lot No. 29 in Block No. 10. These lots are 50x150 feet each fronting 50 and extending back 150 feet.

Said lots are fully described on the aforementioned map and reference is hereby made to the same for further particulars, boundaries, etc. All of the aforementioned lots will be sold on the date mentioned above to the highest bidder for cash, and said sale will be left open for ten days for a 10 per cent bid. On the day of the sale, each purchaser will be required to pay at least 10 per cent of the purchase price.

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