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ERECTING BUILDINGS.

LELAND FINISHING PLANT

Work Being Pushed Rapidly--Already Contracts are Being Received.

It will be good news to the Post's many readers and to all who are interested in the progress of Salisbury and community to know that the work of erecting the Leland Granite Finishing plant on the Southern near the Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer Company's establishment, is now in the course of construction and that it will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The main building and shed will be about 200 yards long, and the working departments will be equipped with the latest improved machinery for doing fine work. The plant, too, will require a score or more of skilled workmen, and a number of laborers to operate it besides the officers and foremen.

Mr. W. W. Leland, of New York City, and Mr. E. S. Sampson, of Barre, Vt., who will manage the business of the company in the city, are now in Salisbury holding a conference with Mr. L. M. Bowman, the traveling representative of the company, and Mr. R. Collins, who organized the company and Mr. J. E. Ramsey, who is erecting the plant.

Mr. Leland and Mr. Sampson express themselves as being much pleased with the location of the plant and the progress of the work. Mr. Bowman has already secured some good contracts for the plant to commence work on and states that he finds in his territory considerable satisfaction over the fact that work of the description which it has hitherto been necessary to send to New England will be produced in the South.

Junior Scouts to Meet.

The Junior Scouts, Salisbury Patrol No. 2, are requested to meet at Capt. Richard Henderson's, Henderson crossing North Main street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to turn out.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

COUNTY OFFICERS EXAMINED

All in Good Condition--Jail and County Home Clean and Well Kept.

The grand jury completed its work Wednesday afternoon and issued the following report: To the Honorable C. C. Lyon, Judge Superior Court, Salisbury, Rowan county:

We have attended to all business brought before us by the solicitor or others.

We have visited the county jail and find same clean and the prisoners well cared for.

We have by committees visited the two convict camps and find same clean and in good order, we also find the roads they are building permanent, and find no complaint from the prisoners.

We find the county home well kept and commend the superintendent. We recommend the re-arranging of one room in the men's department overhead, and that the walls of the same be calcimine-d. We find the one-story recently built to the superintendent's house poorly built and unsafe.

We have visited the sheriff's, clerk of court, register's and treasurer's offices, all of which we find in good order.

We recommend that books Nos. 1 and 2 be rechecked in the register's office. In the clerk of the court's office we recommend an additional filing shelf and case to better preserve the records.

C. A. BROWN, Foreman.

GOES UP IN FLAMES

HISTORIC MILL.

OLD ST. JOHNS BURNED

Much Improved Machinery Destroyed--Belonged to Mr. Grubb--Insurance \$6,000.

St. John's mill--and who in this whole section has not on some occasion enjoyed an outing there--situated on the banks of the Yadkin river a mile or more below the railroad bridge, was burned to the ground last night about eight o'clock. With the building was destroyed \$8,000 or \$10,000 worth of the latest improved machinery. The mill, which was one of the oldest grist mills in the South was the property of Mr. H. Clay Grubb, and his total loss will be from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

How the fire originated is not learned. The blaze was spectacular and was plainly visible to passengers on the north and south-bound early trains, and the light made by the burning of this four and a half story frame structure could be observed from Salisbury.

The mill was situated at the foot of the old Gowery's Heights, made famous in verse by the late Dr. I. W. Jones and on almost the identical spot where General Green met Cornwallis in a skirmish only two days previous to the battle of Guilford Court House.

Thousands have picnicked at this famous old mill. It was the mecca for Easter Monday parties and the terminus of many moonlight drives. In other days dances were held in the building, barbecues made it a place of pleasure and it has been pictured and sent broadcast on thousands of post cards.

For many years this place was operated by the late Major Windsor, was for a period the property of the late P. P. Meroney and later was operated by Mayor-elect F. M. Thompson.

A number of parties drove down to the river today to take a look at the ruins. There was \$6,000 insurance on the building and machinery, carried through the agency of the Salisbury Realty & Insurance Co.

DR. POOLE RETURNS.

His Patient Took Two Operations and is Resting Fine.

Dr. C. M. Poole, who accompanied Mr. Richard L. Frick, one of his patients, to New York last week, where Mr. Frick went for an operation, returned home this morning. Mr. Frick is at the New York Post-Graduate hospital, and took two operations. Dr. Poole states that the operations were successful and that Mr. Frick was getting along fine when he left him. He states if a permanent cure is not effected, Mr. Frick will receive great relief.

New Wood Yard.

Mr. Wm. Barnes is opening up a wood yard in the Murdoch buildings near the Vance cotton mill. He will be ready in a few days to fill orders.

Choir Practice.

There will be choir practice tonight at 8 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church on Chestnut Hill. All the members are requested to be present.

THE LUTHERAN SYNOD.

CARING FOR 6 NEW CHURCHES

Proposition to Change Residence of Synodical Missionary to Raleigh.

Rev. G. H. L. Lingle, pastor of the Lutheran charge in Davidson county, left last night for Wilmington to attend the North Carolina synod, which convened in that city Wednesday. A special from Wilmington says the special order for the session yesterday morning was an address by Rev. C. L. Miller, of Hickory, fraternal delegate from the Tennessee synod.

The report of the executive committee showed it had six churches under its care. Investigation has been made at Raleigh by the synodical missionary, Rev. J. L. Morgan, with a view to establishing a church in that city. It is proposed that the place of residence of Mr. Morgan be moved to Raleigh, so that he may develop the work in that field.

Rev. A. G. Voight, dean of the theological seminary, spoke in behalf of the institution he represents and said the past year had been the best of the institution. The next session of the seminary will open in the new stone building now in course of construction at Columbia, S. C.

At the session last night an interesting address was made by Rev. J. L. Morgan, of Morgesville, and one by Rev. R. C. Holland, of Orangeburg, S. C., president of the board of foreign missions, on the subject: "Our Mission Field at Home and Our Mission Field Abroad."

One of the most important and interesting features of the present session of the synod was the laymen's meeting yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in Luther Memorial hall. Great interest was shown in the work being done by the laymen's missionary movement and the addresses were listened to with the closest attention. The following program was carried out:

Opening remarks by Chairman L. Hanson.

Scriptural reading--John Haar.

Address--"Laymen's Missionary Movement in the United States," Rev. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., general secretary of the L. M. M.

Address--"What Business Has a Business Man With Missions," C. W. Polvoigt, of Wilmington.

Address--"What are the Laymen of North Carolina Synod Doing for Missions?" James P. Cook, of Concord.

Address--"What Can the Laymen of North Carolina Synod Do for Missions," P. Rom Smith, of Liberty.

Address--"Value of Laymen's Movement in General," W. W. Koch, of Wilmington.

Address--"Our Opportunity of the Hour," Dr. Costner, of Charlotte.

Following the regular address there was a general discussion that was participated in by a number of those present and some most excellent suggestions made. The addresses were interspersed with music by a splendid male quartet.

Buffalo Bill at the Bijou.

The Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill Wild West pictures is a very interesting program for today. This is an exact reproduction of the original show made under the tent while the show was in progress, giving every detail of the performance from start to finish, just as if you were sitting in the arena watching the greatest wild west show on earth. Positively your only chance to see the great Indian fighters, plainmen and America's ideal horsemen and most popular hero, Col. W. F. Cody. Be sure and see this bill.

Attorney W. G. Means, of Concord, was in the city today on business.

BAD ACCIDENT AT SEA

STEAMER ALMOST CUT IN TWO

Wireless Message Brings the News--All the Passengers Saved.

New York, May 12--A wireless dispatch received here says the Ward Line Steamer, Merida, bound here from Progreso, Yucatan, was cut almost in two and sunk in 35 fathoms of water while off Cape Charles early today by the United Fruit Co's steamer, Admiral Farragut. The Merida had 187 passengers aboard. All of the Merida's passengers were taken off by her own, the Farragut's and boats of the United States battleship Iowa, which was in the vicinity and were transferred to the Farragut. The commander of that steamer sent a wireless message to the captain of the Old Dominion steamer, Hamilton, which was nearby to stand by as it might be necessary to transfer all the rescued people to the Hamilton, the fruit steamer being badly damaged about the bows.

After a survey of the Farragut it was decided she was not seaworthy enough to carry all of the passengers and they were re-transferred to the Hamilton on which they are now en route to Norfolk. Although earlier dispatches say all on board were saved a wireless received at 10:30 said the captain, the first officer, and four members of the crew of the Merida were not taken on board the Farragut. It is hoped the missing men were taken off by the Iowa. The Farragut's forward hold filled with water.

Later, the Farragut, conveyed by the Hamilton and the Iowa, started for Norfolk.

REID'S TO MOVE.

Will Occupy Storeroom at 104 South Main Street.

The storeroom at 104 South Main street recently vacated by the Simpson-Peacock wholesale grocery firm, which purchased the stock and moved into the Max Moses' quarters, is to be remodeled, front and interior, and after August 1st is to be occupied by Reid's department store which for a long time has been conducted in the Wachovia bank building at 130 North Main street. The remodeling of this store will add much to the appearance of that part of Main street.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE.

For Fourth of July to Meet This Afternoon.

A special meeting of the Fourth of July celebration advertising committee is to be held in the grand jury room at the court house at 5:15 o'clock this afternoon and all the members are urged to be present. They are, C. N. Brown, chairman; A. W. Hicks, Max L. Barker, W. H. Burton, Chas. Sides, F. B. Irvin. The purpose of this meeting is to map out plans and get down to work in the matter of advertising the celebration.

The Grand.

The patrons of the Grand saw a good show last night. Early and Laight made their first appearance at this popular theatre. To say that the audience was delighted is only half expressing it. Encore after encore brought the performers back to the stage. Their jokes were clean and enjoyable, especially the local hits. It was pronounced by some as being one of the very best performances yet seen in vaudeville here. Early and Laight you can see this show tonight, and to see it is to appreciate it. Two extra good reels will be shown tonight, an Essanay, The Indian Maiden's Lesson. This is a western drama of great power. A Pathe, A Fatal Resemblance. Matinee at 4 p. m.

NEXT STEP FOR PEACE

CONFER TO-DAY.

MADERO'S NEW CABINET

Believed Diaz Will Fight to the End--Navona to Be Court-Martialed.

El Paso, May 12--Although Francisco I. Madero and the newly organized cabinet held a conference today, during which the next step towards bringing peace was discussed, no announcement was volunteered by the provisional government for a president. Few of the insurgent leaders believe Diaz will discuss peace. They think he will elect to fight the battle out to the end and that he will make it necessary for the rebels to capture Mexico City before the revolution will end. Already the insurgent chieftains are discussing the most feasible way of approaching Mexico City and the easiest way to capture it.

To Be Court-Martialed.

Mexico City, May 12--General Villar, commanding the military zone at Chihuahua, has ordered the court to honor an investigation of the surrender of Juarez and General Navarro will probably be court-martialed for surrendering to his enemy.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Working on Civil Docket, Railroad Suit Today.

The Rowan Superior Court, Judge C. C. Lyon, presiding, reached the civil docket yesterday, and a number of cases tried.

Today the case of R. M. Leonard and others against the Southern Ry. Co., and the N. C. R. R. Co., is on trial. Geo. W. Garland is attorney for the plaintiffs, and Linn & Linn for the defendant.

The suit has brought a number of railroad officials here, notably, Hon. A. H. Eller, of Winston, secretary of the North Carolina Railroad Company, and chairman of the State Democratic party; Col. W. B. Rodman, of Charlotte, Division counsel for the Southern; and A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, secretary of the Corporation Commission. These gentlemen are here as witnesses in the case and have their books and records with them.

Fine Example for the Public.

Mrs. Mary B. Safrin, of Rural Route, No. 8, Salisbury, set some of the Post subscribers a good example yesterday. She is in her 80th year and has been a patron of the Daily Post for a number of years. She had gotten in arrears with her subscription for more than a year, and yesterday called in and paid up for it in advance. Mrs. Safrin owns a small farm and makes her money slowly, but says she must pay for her paper. Her subscription to the Post was all she owed and now she is in debt to no one. The world needs more of such people.

To Preach Near Statesville.

Mr. W. D. Haltiwanger, of Chapin, S. C., arrived in the city today, and is the guest of Mr. M. I. Kester. He was a classmate of Mr. Kester at the Mount Pleasant, S. C., Theological seminary, and will preach at a church near Statesville during the summer vacation.

THE PUBLIC DECEIVED.

HOAXED BY LORD DECIES

Lady Decies Has Appendicitis, Not Presented to King and Queen.

London, May 12--Lady Decies, formerly Miss Vivian Gould, was operated on today for appendicitis and two hours after the operation she was doing well with every prospect of a speedy recovery. It has developed today that the public was hoaxed by Lord Decies and the friends of the latter, who attended the King's court Wednesday night said in a statement that Lady Decies attended this function. It is now known that she was not presented to the King and Queen, the physicians deciding that the excitement would prove too much for her, especially as they were intending to operate on her today. The stories of her presentation was given to the press for the purpose of deceiving the public as to the true condition of Lady Decies.

COVENANTER BOY SCOUTS.

To be Addressed at First Presbyterian Church Tonight at 8.

The Covenanter Boy Scouts will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church and will listen to a short address by Mr. P. F. Price, of China. The scouts invite the public to hear Mr. Price's address. After the address, a short business meeting will be held.

Excursion to Winston.

There will be a first class excursion from Concord to Winston tomorrow. The train will pass Salisbury at 9 o'clock. Manager Leonard invites the public to take a day off and visit the big tobacco town. The fare from Salisbury is \$1.

Passenger trains, daily and Sunday, now run over the South-bound railroad from Winston-Salem to Florence, S. C.

HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

AVIATOR FALLS FIFTY FEET.

Badly Shaken Up--Many Women Fainted When Machine Fell.

Hendon, England, May 12--While scores of the best known men and women in England were watching the flight of J. Armstrong Drexel, he narrowly escaped death on the aviation grounds this afternoon. His machine fell fifty feet but Drexel was only badly shaken up. When the machine fell many women fainted.

CHAIN GANGS REINFORCED.

Eight Prisoners Sent Out Today to Serve Terms.

Sheriff Jas. H. McKenzie, as a result of court, this morning sent out eight prisoners to county chain gangs to serve sentences ranging from two to 12 months--a total of 49 months servitude. Of the eight one is a woman and she goes up for two months.

Three of the prisoners go to chain gang No. 1, Mr. S. C. Carter, superintendent, and five to No. 2, Mr. Geo. Y. Thomason, superintendent.

Excelsior Band.

The Excelsior band will play at A. B. Saleeby's candy kitchen tomorrow night, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Saleeby invites the public to call and hear the music free of charge.