

Not much hunting yesterday.

Only 20 days until Xmas.

The days will soon stop growing shorter.

The new moon is not to be seen very much.

Mr. Ford is visiting her son in Greensboro.

The Fayetteville Centennial is over.

The fair of the State are about half of the past.

The thermometer fell from 63 Monday to 43 on Tuesday.

Dr. Sam Montgomery's little girl died in Monroe last Friday.

Thanksgiving day four years ago there was a show in town.

There was a dance at the Morris house Tuesday night.

The Charlotte News has a circulation of over 1,000 in Charlotte.

There is a show of 40 dogs going through the South now.

Mr. Ed. Correll has painted a new sign for Lippard & Barriar's store.

The ladies of the Lutheran church in Mt. Pleasant served oysters yesterday.

The contract for painting the new factory has been awarded to Mr. Ed. Correll.

The new smoke stack at Forest Hill is to be one hundred and twenty feet high.

The masses of Charlotte are to give an entertainment for charitable purposes.

The North Carolina Teacher's Assembly have a large portrait of Johnson Davis.

The wife of Rev. Dr. J. B. Bobbitt died at her home in Raleigh last Sunday, of paralysis.

Two pockets are visiting a number of towns in the State. They are pocket-cutters.

Mr. Cline, of Catawba county, had 12 bushels of corn on one acre ground.

The hose and reel company named Monday evening, the first time this year.

Mr. W. Gibbs, the presiding elder of this district, preached at First Hill Sunday.

Mr. A. M. Brown left Monday for Salisbury with several good loads. His court week at that place.

The monthly joint service will be held in the Methodist church on Friday night, sermon by Rev. Mr. Pusey.

A fine and commodious parsonage is under construction at Forest Hill in the lot adjoining the new Methodist church.

Communion services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Preparatory services tonight and at 11 o'clock on Sunday.

Dr. D. D. Johnson has bought the house and lot of Mr. Geo. Means.

Mr. Means has purchased several acres near the fair grounds and will erect there a residence.

Mr. Cal. Welch, of this county, was on the Western North Carolina railroad, was married last Wednesday to Miss Mamie Crumford, of Salisbury.

A subscriber tells us of receiving a letter from a relative in Mississippi which it is said that the crops are short in that State, on account of drought.

Mr. Phillips, and old widow lady living near the factory, died Friday night and was buried Saturday.

Her son, Mr. D. M. Phillips, of Salisbury had been telegraphed for.

Miss Lizzie Alexander, of Mecklenburg, who was sometime ago returned from the Morganton Asylum and has lost her mind, and agitation has been for her return to that institution.

A missionary convention of the Presbyterian churches of this county will be held at the Presbyterian church here next Monday. A sermon will be preached by Rev. H. G. Gandy, of Poplar Tent.

Good news stand well with the study people. Some one from Salisbury told us recently that a student from his section was going to heaven. A few years ago when they had to come here for school they called it Egypt.

A big brown bear, led by a black dog, was seen near the factory and attracted more attention than the proverbial hand organ and monkey or the brass band. The streets were deserted by customers and folks alike. It was about the size of a bear ever seen here and could climb and climb trees in fine style.

Rev. J. G. Schaid, formerly President of North Carolina College, and is present a member of the faculty of Concordia College at Concord, N. C., was on last Sunday the pastor of the church at Newbern. The fall session of the college with which he is connected, closed last week with one hundred and two students.

As some one on horseback was riding with another on the pavement, front of York & Wadsworth's store, a mischievous boy tied the horse's tail to the hitching chain. When the man started off, both he and the horse were astonished at the sudden halt that was made. It was quite a pull up the stump, but the horse's tail is longer.

The newly macadamized parts of the street have been graveled.

The trains have been exceedingly irregular lately owing to wash-outs, etc.

As some one was moving through town this week the cat got loose and came up to our office.

The Methodist ministers of the town and county are attending conference at Greensboro this week.

Tuesday was a fine day for cotton. We felt the influence in our office in the shape of renewals, etc.

If you get more calendars and almanacs for '90 than you need, be economical and put some away for the next year. Make every edge cut.

A negro asked at one of our drug stores lately for "Parker's Hair Blossom," meaning balsam. What's in a name?

The people of Rocky River believe in having good schools. They are now making arrangements to have a permanent teacher.

Just "lots and lots" crowded out this week. We talked of tying a column on the outside of the chase but it wouldn't work.

The reception given by the young ladies of the Missionary Society at Rev. Mr. Payne's last night was a model of its kind and very much enjoyed by all.

We have received lately copies of Branson's almanac for 1890, also Turner's. They are well known to our readers and with some are old standbys.

York & Wadsworth have just put in their large handsome establishment a big fire and burglar proof safe. There are not many people in this county now who have to increase their safe capacity.

Some one, who must have been pretty fresh, when he saw a "possum," was very indignant and said the "coon" who had him—should be punished for cruelty to animals, for he had "scrapped all the hair off his tail."

Mr. Chas. F. King, of Charlotte, was here Friday and Tuesday. His purpose was to "write up" the town for the Greenville News, of South Carolina, and to establish an agency for that paper here. But our people seemed to think our local papers could write them up sufficiently and that a boom in a paper of another State would not avail much.

Those who anticipated the pleasure of hearing Bishop Hargrove, of Tennessee, last Sunday were very much disappointed. He was prevented from coming as he intended. This distinguished gentleman is president of the trustees of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., and unlike most positions of the kind it pays a salary of \$3,000 annually, having been so arranged by the munificent founder of that excellent institution.

Chauselle Black is now at home.

Mrs. J. W. Clarke returned Friday.

Dr. P. A. Barriar, of Mt. Pleasant was in town Monday.

Mr. Clarence Heilig and wife of Mt. Pleasant, were here Monday.

Miss Rosa Wilford is visiting in Lexington, N. C.

Will Marshall, express agent here at one time, was here Saturday.

Miss Claude Grier began teaching near Dr. Lafferty's house last Monday.

Mrs. Jno. Boyd and children of Spartanburg, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Lucy Cole.

Rev. Mr. Stacy, of Albemarle, was here Tuesday on his way to the conference at Greensboro.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, of the Stanley Mission was here Saturday on his return from a visit to Virginia.

Mr. John Bostian, of Albemarle, is spending Thanksgiving with his father here.

Rev. Mr. Newton and wife have returned from La Grange, Lenoir county where Mr. Newton conducted a meeting.

Mrs. Trice and family, of Lexington, who have been visiting her father, Capt. William Propst, returned home Monday.

Mrs. D. D. Johnson and children returned Friday from a visit to her father, Esq. Hilton, of Mecklenburg, and friends in Monroe.

Rev. Mr. Starrette and family left this place Wednesday for Charlotte, which place will be their future home. Mr. Starrette has been living at Bileville for some time, and we are sorry to lose in him one of our best correspondents.

Dr. Chas. Summers, of Statesville, was visiting Mr. Geo. Patterson Sunday. Dr. Summers graduated at the Maryland University of Medicine at Baltimore, and was, during the summer, in charge of a hospital in that city. He will probably locate in this State for the practice of his profession.

Thanksgiving at the St. Cloud.

The Thanksgiving dinner at the St. Cloud yesterday was a paragon among dinners, and if such a thing were possible, added very greatly to the already fine reputation of Capt. and Mrs. Clarke as entertainers. The tables were well loaded with all that was elegant and substantial, and it goes without saying full that justice was done to the occasion by the many guests of the hotel and the invited guests of the town, all of whom unite in wishing many happy returns of the pleasant anniversary for the genial Captain and his hospitable lady.

The Chairman—Who?

The magistrates are to meet next Monday to elect a chairman of the county commissioners. This is a very important office, and requires a good man. It seems to be commonly accepted that he would better be a resident of this place, and we have some excellent timber for that purpose. Prominent among those who are mentioned for the place are Mr. John P. Allison, who might be said to inherit a fitness for that responsible place; Esq. W. J. Hill, Mr. P. B. Fetzer, Mr. Geo. Lore and Mr. Elam King. The magistrates could not go amiss to select any one of these.

A Good Deed.

A one-legged tramp struck the town Monday. He was in very destitute circumstances, and seemed to be lame in the foot. He finally got down on the street, and being found in that condition by some of Concord's noble hearted ladies, they interested themselves in his behalf and had him sent to the poor house, where he will be cared for. He must surely have been out of his right mind, as one of the ladies offered him a piece of money; he declined with thanks, saying he had no use for any thing like that.

A Card of Thanks.

The mother and near relatives of E. Smith Patterson, deceased, desire to express their sincere thanks through your paper to many friends for kindness shown during his last illness. Every one seemed to wish with the other in manifesting their love and appreciation of him whom we prized so dearly—and may God bless each one for every sentiment expressed or favor shown during his sickness and since his death. Only those who have experienced similar troubles are fully prepared to appreciate the work and tokens of friendship.

Marriage in High Life.

As there was a marriage at the St. Cloud Wednesday in the handsome hall on the second story, we suppose it might be called a "marriage in high life." Pink Calabuss, colored, a porter on the 3 C's railroad, was married to Lula Lewis, a chambermaid at the St. Cloud, who has been for a long time a servant of Mrs. Clarke, and belonged to her before the surrender. Quite a number of the ladies of Concord and the guests of the hotel witnessed the ceremony as it was performed by Rev. Simmons, the colored Methodist minister of this place. They left on the noon train for Shelby.

The Taxes.

A comparison of the tax collections for the month ending November 24th, 1888, and those for the month ending November 24th, 1889, shows a difference of more than a thousand dollars in favor of last year. The amount collected by the sheriff that period this year, is only \$4,435, and a settlement has not yet been made with the State. This is a bad showing for our county and is a clear index of the bad crops. Sheriff Propst asks us to state that it would be to the advantage of all who have not paid their taxes to call and do so at an early date. The sheriff is debarred from selling real estate for taxes before spring, but is allowed to sell personal property for that purpose.

Convicts on the Road.

A beginning, if it is a small one, has at last been made on our county convict system. During this week, work has been done on the big hill this side of Cold Water about a mile from town on the Mt. Pleasant road. The force now consists of three convicts, in ball and chain, and there will be another soon. H. McNamara has been employed as overseer and guard, all being under the supervision of John R. Patterson, the jailer. This insures some good work on the roads as Mr. McNamara has quite a reputation for skill in that work. These prisoners are given three good meals a day now, whereas when confined in jail, they get only two. They are returned to the jail at night.

Death and Burial of Mr. Jas. T. Odell.

The remains of Mr. Jas. T. Odell arrived here Friday night, and were interred in the cemetery Saturday morning in the presence of a large number of friends, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Hoyle, and the funeral sermon being preached Sunday at the new church at Forest Hill by Rev. Mr. Gibbs, the presiding elder of this district. The manner of Mr. Odell's death was very sad. He and a friend were out hunting Tuesday last week, riding in a dog cart. His companion got out to shoot at some ducks, when Mr. Odell in handing him the gun with the muzzle towards himself, accidentally struck the hammer on the wheel. The gun was discharged, and the whole load of large shot entered his breast, and caused his death within fifteen minutes. Mrs. Odell is here, having accompanied the remains.

There will be a regular communication of Stokes lodge Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Our Sewing Machine.

Today and tomorrow are the only chances you will have to get the new sewing machine we offer to some one of our patrons. You need have no qualms of conscience as to our method of awarding it. It is not gambling. You get what you pay for—a good weekly local paper a year for \$1.25, which no one who appreciates a good paper begrudges. The sewing machine is a free gift on our part. We decide as to who the fortunate one shall be by chance, the only fair way in a case of this kind.

Avail yourselves of this opportunity before tomorrow night.

The Stolen Horse.

Mr. D. M. Lower advertises in this issue for a horse that was stolen from his stable at Bloomington, Stanly county, and offers a handsome reward for the return of the horse. It was an exceedingly bold thing. The thief went to the stable about eleven o'clock in the day, during the absence of the family, and stole the horse, after going to the house for the bridle. He was seen and can be identified by some neighbors. It is to be hoped the horse will be found and the rogue brought to justice.

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Try This.

A certain young man in Durham went to see his inamorata the other night, and she, wishing to get rid of him, used this device: She gave him a paper and pencil with one of her sweetest smiles, and said: "Now make a row of eleven ciphers, now make a perpendicular mark downward on the right of the first cipher, upward on the right of the fourth, downward on the right of the fifth, upward on the right of the seventh and eighth, downward on the right of the tenth." She then asked him to read what he had written. The effect was electrical. The marks are to be made half an inch long.

EDUCATIONAL.

[Articles intended for this column must be mailed to the County Superintendent of Public Instruction.]

The following subjects will be discussed to-morrow at the Council, the discussions opened by papers read by those whose names here appear:

"Some facts concerning the Indians."—Miss Emma Black.

"Different methods of teaching geography."—Miss Mollie Fetzer.

"Devices for indifferent pupils."—Miss Claude Grier.

"The teacher's personal influence."—Rev. W. G. Campbell.

"Webster's Blue Back Spelling Book."—By a friend.

After the presentation of each paper the subjects will be open for general discussion.

The meeting promises to be an interesting one, and it is hoped that a full "turnout" of the teachers will be present.

Time: Saturday, November 30th, 10:30, a. m. Place: Virginia Dare Institute.

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Non-Resident Notice.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, CABARRUS COUNTY, N. C.

Notice of Publication of C. A. Caldwell vs. M. H. Caldwell.

This is an action to recover a debt of \$38.40 (thirty eight dollars and 40 cents) due by two notes for balance of purchase money for one house and lot situated in the town of Concord, and sold by C. A. Caldwell, deceased, to M. H. Caldwell, and a warrant of attachment has issued hereon. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant M. H. Caldwell is a non-resident of this State, and cannot after due diligence be found therein, and that he has property in this State, and that a cause of action exists against said defendant, and this court has jurisdiction of the subject of the action. Now this is to command the said defendant M. H. Caldwell, to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Cabarrus county, to be held on the 5th Monday before the 1st Monday in March 1890 and answer or demur to the complaint, or judgment will be rendered against him according to law. JAS. C. GIBSON, Clerk Superior Court. This 27th Nov. 1889. GL.

THE NEW CANDY STORE.

"What is that place up there on the street?"

See the people go with hurray! hurray! What is it?—a query we everywhere meet—

It's Vaughan's candy store near the corner.

"Where do you go for chocolates fine, Or any thing else in that same line, Where do you yet ten cents worth for nine?"

At Vaughan's candy store on the corner.

"Creams, hand-mades and nougat, so delicious!"

Mixtures—plain or fancy, both are mentioned, and you'll find them all.

Go, invest your money, don't be avaricious,

When you buy at the store near the corner.

"The boxes are marvelous, each one complete,

And what they contain—a 'Confession'—

For mother, or sister, or wife they're a treat.

If you get them from the store near the corner.

"Then let your good will guide your feet,

To the place where all is new and neat,

Quantity and quality hard to beat,

To the new store near the corner."

A fine lot of

GROCERIES

of ALL KINDS always on hands at

COOK & SAPPENFIELD'S

FRESH OYSTERS and FISH EVERY SATURDAY.

Oysters Nicely Served at Our Restaurant.

Fine No. 1

HEADLESS FAT MACKEREL

ALWAYS IN STOCK.

We have also the finest Gold Medal Cider. Come and try it.

The HIGHEST MARKET PRICE PAID FOR FURS of all kinds.

Goods delivered promptly to any part of town.

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I WANT A reliable paper that I can safely take into my family.

I WANT A paper which represents High Ideals and Sound Principles.

I WANT The latest Home News. The latest Political News.

I WANT Reliable Market Reports. Reliable quotations of Farm Products.

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