

TOWN CHAT.

Our Reporter's Street Work and News of the County.

Nearly every one has made garden.

Mrs. W R Odell went over to Charlotte on the noon train.

G R Laffer, of Stanly county, has gone to Texas.

Racket Boston took a flying trip to Stanly.

Ed Cline and Misses Ella Ridenhour and Lundie Cline have returned from Albemarle.

There's a post in town that bears this: "A horse and a mule for sale." That post is an awful post.

John Correll has gone to Albemarle to study telegraphy in the Albemarle depot.

Dr A W Miller's successor, as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte, will be elected next Sunday.

The dummy attracted considerable attention Tuesday evening, as it went through the street pulling eight freight cars.

Mrs. B E Sergeant, of Greensboro, who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. W R Odell, has gone to Charlotte.

Mrs. M L Harris, who has been visiting at Dr. Bays, has returned to Charlotte, accompanied by little Miss Hubbie Bays.

Mr. and Mrs. J C Wadsworth went over to Charlotte to be present at the 21st birthday dinner of Chas. F Wadsworth. Charlie is now a man.

The reciprocity commission at Washington has busted. The Canadian commission, confessing that it had no authority to conclude a treaty, is packing up to return home.

The colored people have a debating society. They discussed "Woman's Suffrage," and the debaters finally concluded that woman did suffer considerably.

W H Reisner, the leading jeweler of Salisbury, has decided to return to his former home, Hagerstown, Md. He has lived in Salisbury for 5 years and has made many friends.

Joe Goodman declares that the millennium is dated for 1899. Joe's favorite, David B Hill, will not have had time to become president, if the millennium is so near as that.

Another title has been bought by an American heiress. The daughter of Senator Mitchell has married a French Duke with the jaw breaking name of La Rouchefoucauld.

The Ladies Memorial Association will meet at Mrs. R E Gibson's Thursday (tomorrow) evening at 4 o'clock to arrange for the entertainment for the benefit of the monument fund.

Geo. W Watts, of Durham, has offered to build one of the cottages at the Presbyterian Orphanage, provided it does not cost over \$5,000 and provided the synod builds one of equal character.

Chicago now comes to the front with the meanest man of the day. Susie Ray, of 149 Madison street, was the sweetheart of Floyd Terrell and whilst giving her a good-night kiss with his arms around her, stole her pocket book containing \$20.

The presence of cholera is being discussed by our poultry men. This disease is much dreaded. The Standard is anxious about Col. Jim Long's drove of fowls. Have they been attacked by this dreadful disease?

INTELLECT IN IT.

The Meeting of the Lyceum Good—Col. M. W. Ball Makes a Break—The President Presented With a Gavel—Other Notes.

The Lyceum took refuge in its new home Tuesday night.

The elegant room, occupied by Col. Ball, of the Graded School, is a delightful home.

The rostrum is most too high for the modesty of the officers; but they, out of consideration for the Lyceum, perched themselves on their respective limbs.

The number of visitors was larger than ever before. It is gratifying that the appreciative crowd honors the Lyceum by following it to its new home.

Secretary Cannon called the roll and read the minutes in his usual stentorian style.

Mr. Sam Ervip read a selection on "The Kiss." This caught the fairer portion of the audience.

When Col. M W Ball's subject was announced—"The Lapse of Time of the Lapse of Something Else"—Col. Ball made an awful break by calling the President "Mr. Moderator" and beseeched him to appoint a "corrector," Dr. Bikle being absent.

The President thereupon called Dr. J E Cartland to the chair of the critic, which appointment added much to the appearance of the stage. Col. Ball then begged time for his essay on account of hoarseness.

The debate was on the subject, "Resolved that Money has more Influence than Intellect."

Messrs Campbell, Duval and McNamar supported the affirmative, while Messrs Eldridge, Mangum and Fetzer held up "intellect" to the committee.

Mrs. Lucy Cole and Miss Mary Young sat with the president as a committee on decision. The negative gained the question.

PROGRAMME

For next meeting is as follows: Reading by Dr. J E Cartland; essay by Col. M W Ball. Debate, subject, "Resolved that Cremation is the best Method of Disposing of the Bodies of the Dead." Affirmative; Eldridge, McNamar and J L Hartsell, Negative, Duval, Kestler and Lentz.

The next meeting will doubtless be the best in the Lyceum's history.

Mr. T B Eldridge at this point rose to make a few remarks. His speech, in presenting the President with a handsome gavel made of ebony and natural oak and brass by Rev. Wright G Campbell, was a mastery piece of oratory. He called attention to the brass ornament on one end and might have called attention to the probable brass ornament at the other end, had the president not shown an eagerness to get hold of the little mallet. In a two second speech, the President asked Mr. Eldridge to convey to the artistic donor the thanks of the Lyceum for the handsome and useful present.

Legal papers have been served upon the commissioners of Mecklenburg to appear before Judge Bynum on Tuesday, the 23, and show cause why license should not be granted to certain applicants. The commissioners in various counties have been refusing applicants for license wholly on the ground that no man who applies for a license to sell liquor can have a good moral character, and the whole State is interested in it.

CONCORD GRADED SCHOOLS.

Superintendent's Report for Month Ending Feb. 12th.

WHITE SCHOOLS—Mr. M W Ball, principal.

First grade, A.—Miss Maggie Neal, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 49; per cent. of attendance, 83; number of tardies, 54. Roll of honor—Ollie Cline, Virginia Eldridge, Bettie Foil, Buford Corl, Julius Fisher, Jimmie Hopkins, Tommie Hopkins, Willie Smith.

First grade, B.—Mrs. M F Ross, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 46; per cent. of attendance, 82.5; number of tardies, 3. Roll of honor—Florence Morgan, Lena Heilig, Cornelia Morgan, Cordia Clayton, Mamie Cochran, Lilly Morgan, Basset Lashley, Daniel Hopkins, Frank Munn, Daisy Kirkman, Sallie Sloop.

Second grade—Miss Mollie Fetzer, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 42; per cent. of attendance, 81.5; number of tardies, 6. Roll of honor—Bernard Fetzer, Wilson Caldwell, Gaiher Heilig, Oscar Shealy, Mamie Lentz, Lizzie Ivy.

Third grade—Miss Lucy Richmond, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 56; per cent. of attendance, 84.6; number of tardies, 16. Roll of honor—Kate Morrison, Cassie Watson, Herbert Bradley, Andy Earnhardt, Luther Gillon, Lester Gray, Josie Misenheimer, Randle Morgan.

Fourth grade—Mrs. L P Cole, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 38; per cent. of attendance, 86.8; number of tardies, 17. Roll of honor—James Misenheimer, Eddie Misenheimer, Giles Morgan, George Richmond, Gussie Blume, Ella Blume, Minnie Coble, Louise Morrison.

Fifth grade—Miss Page A Collins, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 54; per cent. of attendance, 88.5; number of tardies, 50. Roll of honor—Clara Harris, Grace Fisher, Pearl Morrison, Mary Skinner, Will Smith, Luther Burrage, Aubrey Hoover.

Sixth grade—Mr. M W Ball, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 42; per cent. of attendance, 84.6; number of tardies, 43. Roll of honor—Julia Taylor, Evvie Kime.

Seventh grade—Mr. M W Ball, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 19; per cent. of attendance, 92.3; number of tardies, 19. Roll of honor—Charlie Shealy, Annie Hoover, Ora Hoover, Janie Ervin, Connie Cline, Lucy Lore, Sallie Castor.

COLORS SCHOOLS—Rev. F T Logan, principal.

First Grade—Miss M H Glasscock, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 48; per cent. of attendance, 72.6; number of tardies, 112. Roll of honor—Alonzo Galloway.

Second Grade—Miss Hannah Stuart, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 27; per cent. of attendance, 83.5; number of tardies, 14. Roll of honor—Mary Partee, Mitchell Steele, Walter Litaker.

Third Grade—Miss Clarkie Hughes, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 39; per cent. of attendance, 80.7; number of tardies, 87. Roll of honor—Nellie Henderson, Geneva Rascoe, Roxanna Bost, Willie Plunkett.

Fourth Grade—F T Logan, teacher. Pupils enrolled, 44; per cent. of attendance, 84.8; number of tardies, 91. Roll of honor—Mary Boger, Lizzie Desmond, Annie Colbert, Hazie Melchor, Mary Melchor, Julia Holmes, Maggie Ury, John Rascoe, Maggie Black.

Summary—White school. En-

rollment for the month, 646; per cent. of attendance, 85.5; per cent. of tardiness, 4.03.

Colored School—enrollment for the month, 158; per cent. of attendance, 80.4; per cent. of tardiness, 12.4.

Though the general attendance throughout the schools has been better this month, the number of tardies has increased 50 per cent. I again urge that parents assist me in this respect, as the success of our schools depends greatly upon punctuality.

I have offered a prize to that grade which attains the highest per cent. of attendance during the month. This prize will always be a picture, to be hung in the room belonging to the successful grade, and it has been awarded for this month to the seventh grade.

Respectfully,
E P MANGUM, Supt.

Hard on the Celestial.

The Chinese bill of Gray of California has been reported favorably by the committee on foreign affairs. This bill absolutely prohibits all Chinese laborers from coming into the United States under penalty of \$1,000 fine, twelve months imprisonment, and subsequent return to China at the expense of the vessel which landed them. It further provides that all Chinese here shall within twelve months after passage of this act, file certificates of their residence, and date of their arrival, together with photographs of themselves with the secretary of the treasury.

At a recent wedding in the city, one of the bridesmaids looked sad, and her escort said:

"Why are you looking so sad?"

"This is not your wedding."

"May be that's why I am sad," she replied demurely.

Manufacturing Property Sold.

The property of the Frick Mfg. Co., of Mt. Pleasant, was sold, on Monday, in front of the court house. Some differences with a stock-holder could not be otherwise settled, so the property was allowed to go to sale.

Mr. Jno. D Barrier bid it in for a strong company, and it is confidently expected that work in the manufacture of doors, blinds, sash and other things will commence in earnest at an early day.

A Lesson on Land.

Bonus Bonds, of No. 6, has never been a stout, robust man. Seven years ago he purchased a plantation of 784 acres of land from Geo. Blackwelder. It is average good soil. The price obligated to be paid was \$1035, with interest.

For the last three years Mr. Bonds has been very frail, at times incapacitated for work. But with all this he has paid for his land, and when coming in on Tuesday and paying his subscription to the Standard a year in advance he, cancelled every cent of obligation. He owes nothing.

All this a man has done in seven years. Mr. Bonds is to be congratulated, indeed.

There will be an entertainment in the interest of the Sabbath school of the First Presbyterian church at the armory hall Friday night, Feb. 19th, tableaux and concert. Our local talent will be aided by Miss Jenkins, the gifted vocalist of the Charlotte Institute, and Mr. Dan Summy, whose fine tenor is well known.

The Bachelor.

Col. W. M. Ball.

We NV not a bachelor;
He leads an MF life;
Yet he deserves no PT for
He ought to CK wife.
If he is YZ will not wait.
Until he's in DK,
But now SA to find a mate,
Who'd come in Love's RA.
He CZ he is foolish, too,
For in the ND's dead,
Without one sweet RT can woo,
And then so EZ wed.
No dainties nice to ET gets
Nor NE soft caress;
In KC's sick no angel pets
Him to LA distress.
It's RD finds to cook his steaks
And sans AG's, no doubt,
And eat the KK baker makes
To EK a sapper out.
He has to wash and IN, too,
And mend his CD clothes;
His IC lodgings make him blue.
When there at EV goes.
Of course in PC slumbers well,
In DD he finds delight
To hear no cherub AB yell.
With NRG all night.
But in old AG will be sad,
His heart will AK lone,
No famLE will call him "dad,"
& E will die unknown.

How Will It Help?

The success of the machine pickers in trials made in Texas, Mississippi and Alabama within the last few months, is strongly vouched for. The claim is made that at least half the expense and labor of picking can be saved by the use of these machines.

Perhaps this may be one important agency in restoring the prosperity of the cotton culture.—Atlanta Journal.

But if cotton picking machines tend to increase the acreage we cannot see that any benefit will be gained.

Democratic factions of Louisiana are getting together.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Insurance.

I am prepared to furnish Insurance in the United States Mutual accident association of New York City, the largest and best.
J. L. BOGER, agent.

Storehouse for Sale.

I will be glad to have offers for the storehouse and lot now occupied by Dr. Johnson.
W. M. SMITH.

WANTED—Four thousand cords of four foot pine and oak wood delivered at Odell Manufacturing Co.'s cotton mill's.

FOR RENT.

The W. C. Boyd house with five rooms, well, garden and stable For information, call on
W. C. BOYD.

DR. J. E. CARTLAND,
Surgeon Dentist.
Successor to Dr. H. C. Herring.
Feb. 9, d 1mo

LADIES

I would be glad to have you call and see the new Ribbons, Face Veils, Chiffon Laces and Children's Caps, which have just been received. I think it will be well worth your time, as the spring styles are pretty and inexpensive.
Respectfully,
MISS NANNIE ALEXANDER.
Feb. 4 2w.