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WEATHER NEWS

Taken from Old Records—Recollections of Local Interest—Times in the Past Similar to Our Recent Freeze.

Written for The Standard.

Editor Standard:—This cold snap seems to be pinching even the oldest inhabitants. No wonder, for it came very near being a record breaker. Even in this Switzerland of America we are subject to sudden short, sharp and very expressive climatic changes. From records ancestral and from observation since becoming a resident of this terrestrial globe I have come to the conclusion that these atmospheric flirtations, ala the pretty gew-gaws of "ye ladies wardrobe," are necessarily part and parcel of old mother earth's make up. They add zest and charm and give us something to talk about. Let us go back as far as 1804 when all the cotton and corn was killed by the extreme cold in May. The year 1816 has been dubbed "the cold summer." It is claimed there was frost in every month during the year. My father was then a Burke county country lad 8 years old.

February 7, 1834 was the cold Saturday of history; 1844 was another cold summer followed by the dry year of 1845.

The great snow and sleet of April 15, 1846, followed by intense cold killed cotton, corn and all garden truck. I was then a six year old Salisbury boy.

January 21, 1857 is on the slate as the second coldest day known in the South. There was snow shoe mouth deep in Newberry, S. C., where we were living. The terrific snow storm of January 18, 1857 stopped all travel. J W Mehaffy of Concord, J W Yates, C W Bradshaw and N F Snyder of Charlotte were snow-bound for three days near Durham and up to a few years ago had an annual in commemoration thereof. Mr. Mehaffy said the snow was from 12 to 15 feet deep in the railroad cuts and it was intensely cold. During this storm Dr. Charles Harris of Poplar Tent was frozen to death. February 20, 1870 was extremely cold. Up to this date I have no records of temperature as few had thermometers. From Christmas day 1876 to January 4, 1877 much snow fell. It was deeper than any I had seen in the State. Messrs M A Bencini and Jno. Kerr, of Salisbury were snow-bound at the orick house (my home) in Rowan county for a week.

December 30, 1880 was much like the present save being colder. I think Messrs Crowell and Cook are about right as to the outdoor temperature for in Capt. Woodhouse's printing office it was 8 degrees below. The day book of Mr. Barnhardt of Pioneer Mills shows an entry 10 degrees below. Mr. Barnhardt gave this to The Standard several years ago. There was a big snow December

29, 1882 and the thermometer went almost to zero notch. February 19, 1884, south eastern Cabarrus was visited by the great cyclone. Mr. R A Brown and family were almost buried under a mass of brick and mortar. The Ury mill near Mt. Pleasant was demolished and much other damage done. Mr. J C Wadsworth was married that night.

February 21, 1885, snow and the thermometer 12 above. February 11, 1896, snow and the thermometer 6 degrees above. February 7, 1899 thermometer 13 degrees above. The swaddling clothes of 1893 were of snowy whiteness. The fifth snow of the winter fell January 19. On January 16 of this year the thermometer stood 2 degrees above. Some had it zero. I could not count that way. The Standard called February 22nd, 1894 the cold Sunday. The cold wave of January 10, 1895 elicited much comment and brought about a good deal of this research. All the water pipes in the city burst. It was bitter cold. February 8, 1895 was awful cold and the mercury ran down to 10 above. Chief J L Boger called for aid for the needy. December 27, 1895, terrific wind storm. Part of the Odell mills and Blume's machine shop udroofed. Thermometer dropped to 14 degrees above. February 27 and 28, 1896 very, very cold. The weather bureau of Charlotte registered 6 degrees above and Charleston, S. C., 18 degrees above. Some wise acre once said all bitter things were hot but there is nothing hot about this.

Very truly,
W. D. Anthony.

Bank Examiner Henry Here.

Twice each year Mr. Walter Henry, the bank examiner, visits Concord and looks over the business of the National bank, he having work to do with only National banks. Mr. Henry now uses one of the automatic counting machines. He was here today (Saturday) at his work of looking through the books of the First National bank, which he found in excellent condition.

At All Saints Church.

Service by Rector J C Davis at 11 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday school at 3 o'clock. Lenten services on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4.30 and Friday night at 7.30.

At the Friday night service Bishop Cheshire will preach and administer the Rite of Confirmation. No service on Saturday.

Bishop Cheshire.

Rt. Rev. Jas. B Sheshire is expected in town on Friday, and will preach and confirm a class Friday night in All Saints. All cordially invited.

Masonic Notice.

Regular communication of G Stokes Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M., Monday night, Feb. 20th, 7.30 o'clock. By order of W. M.

JAS. C. FINK, Sec.

FRIDAY INTERESTING IN RALEIGH.

Day and Norwood Step Aside—Senate Votes for Scotland County and the House for the Disfranchisement Bill.

Friday seems to have been a day of more than the usual interest at Raleigh.

The disfranchisement bill passed the House 81 to 27 votes.

There was some discussion and some plaintive tones by the colored representatives and even a quasi promise that the negro would prove more worthy if tried again, but after a trial of more than thirty years the people demanded and their representatives acted upon the demand in a pronounced vote.

Capt. Day resigned as Superintendent of the penitentiary, the resignation to take effect on the 20th. Thus another complication is removed.

Judge Norwood has resigned his office also and has nipped the impeachment trial.

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 38 to 2 creating the county of Scotland.

Curious things happen. For instance, a newspaper that is admittedly great as a news-gather and stupid on its editorial page, closed an editorial by saying to its readers, "don't be any more stupid than you need be," advice especially applicable to its own editor.—Spring Hope Messenger.

As the season of the year when pneumonia, la grippe, sore throat, coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchitis and lung troubles are to be guarded against, nothing "is a fine substitute," will "answer the purpose," or is "just as good" as One Minute Cough Cure. That is the one infallible remedy for all lung, throat or bronchial troubles. Insist vigorously upon having it if "something else" is offered you.—J P Gibson.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Rev. N I Bakke, of Charlotte, spent last night here.

—Mr. H P Deaton is spending the afternoon in Charlotte.

—Mr. Chas. Wagoner returned home this morning from a business trip to Albemarle.

—Rev. Schmidt went to Salisbury this morning to attend the dedicatory services there tomorrow of one of Rev. Schultz's churches.

—Mr. Robt. Finley, of Baltimore, one of the oldest traveling men on the road and who has been coming to Concord for many years, is here today.

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