

LOCAL NEWS MATTERS.

Short items concerning our People and their Doings.

Mrs. McL. Ritchie and children spent a few days in Richfield with relatives this week.

Miss Mary Ross Little who has been visiting Miss Zelia Corfithor has returned to her home in A'hemarie with her brother Arthur.

Misses Lala and Ruth Brown are visiting in and around Granite Quarry.

Miss Cora Sifford has been indisposed for some days and is no better at this writing.

Miss Elizabeth Wineoff, of Concord, spent the week with her brother T. M. Wineoff.

Mrs. M. J. Graham, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Miss Edith Kimball after visiting in Salisbury some time returned home Tuesday.

Miss Ora Fisher, of Mt. Pleasant, returned to her home Wednesday, after spending some time with Miss Maggie Boston.

Miss Doris Ritchie, after spending a week visiting at McL. Ritchie's returned home Wednesday.

Cain Sechler is not much improved yet.

Mrs. I. Frank Patterson returned to her home this week after visiting in Burlington for some time.

Rev. A. Shulenburger, who had accepted work in the Mt. Pleasant pastorate, has moved his family to Mt. Pleasant in order to be near his people.

T. M. Wineoff attended the district conference at Salisbury Tuesday.

Miss Bain Rutledge, of Stanley Creek, is visiting Mrs. F. M. Thompson.

Miss Dora Boatman went to Salisbury Wednesday and from thence to Asheville.

Messrs Mike and Hoke Ramsaur are on the sick list.

Many of our citizens are having concrete walkways put in their yards.

St. Mark's church ground has been beautified by cement walks and the removal of the fence.

Rev. D. I. Offman left here Tuesday morning on No. 8 for Greensboro. From that point he went to points in Guilford, Randolph and Alamance Counties visiting Lutheran Churches in the interest of missions. He was accompanied by Rev. Jas. F. Deal, Lexington, who worked in the interest of Lenoir College, at Hickory. They returned to their respective homes Wednesday night.

Services are held in St. Mark's church every evening this week by the women of Missionary Society. An address will be delivered Sunday evening by invitation from the Society. Rev. J. L. Morgan, of Mooresville, will make the address.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphan Home will give an entertainment in the academy Tuesday night, August 2nd. It is to be hoped that our people will attend and help in so worthy a cause. This class has always given good entertainments and this one promises to come up to the previous standard.

Revs. F. K. Roof of Hickory, and Lester Miller, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Wednesday night with Rev. W. B. Aull.

Misses Lala and Ruth Brown of China Grove, left on No. 46 Tuesday, to visit friends and relatives at Granite Quarry and Faith, for a week or two.

There will be preaching at the Lutheran Chapel next Sunday, the 6th Sunday, at 11 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown.

The China Grove Hardware Co. comes forward in to-day's issue with an interesting talk on grain drills. Read their advertisement and go and see them.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Louise Algood.

At 6:30 Saturday morning July 10, 1910, Mrs. Margaret Louise Algood died at her home in China Grove, of catarrh of the stomach, at the age of 74 years, 4 months and 22 days. She leaves to mourn her death two daughters, six grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Her husband was killed in the war, July 15th, 1864, thus leaving her to care for three small fatherless children. Her only son died some years ago.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown, at Lutheran Chapel E. L. church, on the day following her death, in the presence of a very large concourse of friends and relatives, all of whom held mother Algood in the highest esteem. She was loved by all who knew her. She died triumphant in the faith of her saviour. For to her to live was Christ to die was gain.

After the services her body was tenderly laid to rest in Green Lawn cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

ENOCHVILLE.

Victor Deal and Miss Mattie Sechler, of Mooresville, were married last Sunday.

George Rodgers and family attended a reunion in Cabarrus county, Tuesday.

Jamae Plaster, of Winston, is spending some time with his father, J. N. Plaster.

Messrs. Otho Deal and Fred and Shelby Karriker are attending Prof. P. E. Wright's school at China Grove.

Preaching at the Methodist Church.

There will be preaching at the Methodist church as usual on Sunday morning and evening, by the pastor.

Fraternally,
J. J. EADS
July 25th, 1910.

LANDIS LOCALS.

O. E. Scarborough expects his brother R. S. Scarborough, of Columbia, S. C., to visit him this week.

R. G. Coble, former superintendent of the Locke and Odell Mills, of Concord, made a short stop in town Tuesday.

Gaither Shulenburger, who has been serving in the U. S. army for several years, is off on a 80 day's furlough and is spending the time with his father, J. L. Shulenburger.

Mr. and Mrs. Prealy, of Due West, S. C., are visiting at the latter's home near Enochville.

Mr. and Mrs. Drummood, of Georgia, are visiting the latter's father, J. L. Shulenburger.

What would the city fathers say to having the merchants all put their garbage in cans or barrels, and then have a drayman cart them off every morning?

Old tin cans, newspapers, decayed fruits, vegetables, etc., are not elegant things around the premises. If the town provides for it we believe the "folks" will help keep the town clean.

Barium Springs Picnic.

Mooresville, July 28.—The sixteenth annual picnic held here today, benefit Presbyterian Orphans home at Barium Springs, was one of the most successful events ever pulled off. From five to seven thousand visitors were here and the day was ideal. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh was the guest of honor and speaker, his address being well received. Gross receipts at 8:30 amounted to \$1,100. A class of fifty orphans rendered a special program and music was furnished by the Mooresville band.—Charlotte Observer.

STATE FIREMEN'S CONTESTS.

Ashville, Salisbury, Spencer and Salem Carry off Laurels.

New Bern, July 28.—When the curtain dropped tonight on the historical tableaux representing scenes from the history of North Carolina, it went down as well on the celebration proper of New Bern's 200th anniversary, though the firemen will not conclude their program until tomorrow night. The tableaux, a marine parade to-night and a display of fireworks on the river front comprised the bi-centennial portion of the program, while the firemen pulled off exciting races morning and afternoon.

In the hand reel contests there were four entries, the course being 150 yards, with 98 feet of hose for water. In these Salisbury was first, in 23 1-2 seconds; Spencer and Salem next, in 25 seconds; Chapel Hill, in 26 1-2 seconds. Spencer blowing off at the hydrant, though it showed water. This gave Salem the second and Spencer the third prize.

The same teams took part in the grab reel contests. In this Salem was first, in 17 1-2 seconds and Salisbury second in 17 1-5 seconds. Spencer, with Barger as butmah, again blew off at the hydrant and Chapel Hill had the same hard luck.—Charlotte Observer.

Remember the Farmers Institute next Tuesday, August 2, in China Grove. These institutes are in the interest of the farmers and we believe that they have been beneficial heretofore and will be in the future. Let every farmer feel interest enough in these to attend. They can learn something of practical value in their work. Be sure to attend.

Mill Owners Combine.

New York, July 28.—New England, New York and Baltimore mill owners, bankers and capitalists incorporated today the International Cotton Mills' Corporation, under the laws of New York, with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, seven per cent cumulative preferred stock and \$10,000,000 common stock.

A statement issued this afternoon by Myron T. Taylor, president of the new corporation, says that textile mills sales and distributing agencies in this country and Canada which manufacture and sell 3,000 varieties of cotton fabrics are included in the merger. The properties consolidated represent 22 mills and 85 principal brands, owning 10,000 acres of land, part of which is under cotton cultivation, and employing 10,000 hands, with an aggregate annual output of approximately \$18,000,000.

Soldier's Graves Opened.

Three graves, believed to be those of Confederate soldiers, were opened Tuesday by the big steam shovel a short distance out on the Southern Railway, where the cut is being widened to make room for switches. The coffins were practically decayed and the bones were so brittle that they crumbled at the slightest touch. The brass buttons made it certain that the men were soldiers, but the bits of uniform were so badly faded that it was impossible to determine exactly the original shade. The workmen, however, believe the uniforms were gray. There were no exterior signs of a graveyard, and nobody has been found who has the least idea as to the identity of the dead soldiers.—Winston Journal.

Old Ulcers.

Are unsightly and dangerous. Dr. Bell's Antiseptic ointment will heal them promptly. It is clean and pleasant to use. 25c a box. Sold everywhere.

SALISBURY AND OTHER NEWS MATTERS.

Matters of Interest Gathered Especially for Our Readers.

A report was current on the streets yesterday afternoon to the effect that Smith Floyd, of Cooleseem, an employe in the cotton mill there, was drowned in the Yadkin River. He had stripped and was swimming across the river just above the big dam when he was seen to struggle and sink. It was impossible to reach him in time to save his life.

M. A. Holshouser, of Litaler Township, one of the best farmers in the county, was in Salisbury this week to get a fine registered Holstein bull which he purchased from a Virginia dairy. Mr. Holshouser is one of those farmers who lives at home, the like of which cannot become too numerous.

The Salisbury District Conference of the M. E. Church, south, is now in session at the First Methodist church in this city, Rev. J. C. Rowe, presiding. Rev. C. M. Short, Holmes Memorial church, Salisbury, is secretary. The roll call showed a larger attendance than usual. Rev. H. M. Blair, Greensboro, editor of the Christian Advocate, was present and made a talk in behalf of the paper yesterday. Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Trinity, preached the regular sermon at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Plato Durham, of Concord, preached Thursday night. The entertainment by the orphans Wednesday night is said to have been very fine.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Lonia, daughter of Rev. and J. C. Houghton, of Chapel Hill, and Jesse P. Goodman, book-keeper for the Rogers Clothing Co., of this city has been made. The ceremony will take place in the Baptist church, Chapel Hill, on the evening of Wednesday, August 10th. Miss Houghton is a graduate of the Baptist Female University, Raleigh. Mr. Goodman has been with the Rogers Clothing Company for some time and has conducted himself in such a manner as to make numerous warm friends.

Lingle's big excursion left for Asheville's yesterday morning with a large crowd aboard. They will return to-night.

Sam Crawford, colored, who was arrested at Spencer Wednesday for beating a board bill, while tied and in charge of Deputy Sheriff J. L. Ruffy, asked to be untied, which was done. Upon being given the freedom of his limbs he proceeded to leave the deputy and make good his escape.

The funeral of John A. Byrdan, Jr., who died at Summerville, S. C., Wednesday, will take place this evening at 5 o'clock from St. Luke's Episcopal church, Rev. Cheatham officiating. Mrs. Byrdan will not be present at the funeral owing to the illness of her children with measles. The interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Small Child Struck by Freight Train at China Grove.

The 18 months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hinson, of China Grove, was dangerously injured yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock by being struck by a moving freight train. The parents of the child live only a short distance from the railroad track and yesterday morning the little fellow crawled up the embankment opposite the home and was sitting on the track watching No. 11 pass by, when a freight train came along on the new double track and struck the child, knocking him off the track. He is very dangerously injured and it is almost a miracle that he was not instantly killed. The little boy was standing on the extreme edge of the track when struck by the engine and this is given as the reason he escaped being killed. The child was given prompt medical attention and the physicians state he will recover.—Charlotte Observer.

IGNORANCE AND SUPERSTITION.

A Said-to-be Bone of St. Anne Almost Equals the Power of a Rabbit Foot.

Here is a fair specimen of the numerous efforts of the Catholic church to pray upon the ignorance and superstition of people so cleverly and persistently cultivated by their unscrupulous priests. Notice the World does not make any positive statements, merely says "alleged cures," "it is asserted," "Next it is set forth," etc., just as though it was telling of what some one claimed in regard to the effects of carrying a snake in his pocket, a rabbit foot, or any old thing on which a weak or willing mind might delude itself with as a curative power, all bones of St. Anne, St. Peter and the rest, are of one class, merely a fetish and nothing more. It would be just as productive of either good or bad results should a golden calf be erected or a church be used as the adornment of a dried cockroach, and there would probably be as many and as devout worshippers with marvelous yarns of alleged healings. The thing which seems to us most peculiar is that in this day of enlightenment such things continue to have an influence among men. It is a wonder to us that our colored reverends have not long since defied the rabbit foot, built imposing structures in its name and held great fetes in its honor.

The New York World of July 26th reports the allegations as follows:

This is the last day of the novena at the shrine of St. Anne in the Church of St. Jean Baptiste in East Seventy-sixth street, where a wristbone of the saint is touched to sufferers from ailments, in the belief it will cure them. The church has held from six to eight thousand persons every day of the past eight days. To-day, the feast of St. Anne, 10,000 are expected.

The closing day of the novena brought to light several alleged cures that the clergymen call wonderful. There is the case of Mrs. Susan Bernhardt, of Waterville, L. I. Up to last Friday she was totally blind, it is asserted. She made the trip from her home to the church with a son. After the relic had been rubbed on her eyes she sat in the passage between the church and the rectory. A priest stopped to ask about her health. As she turned in the direction of the voice, she exclaimed, "There goes a sister!"

Next it is set forth that a book was brought to her and, though she could not read the small characters, she could see the white pages and the colors of the pictures. A second time she entered the crypt of the church and the relic again was rubbed across her eyes. Before she left the church, yesterday's story went, she was able to read large print. "And, she said she'd been blind for fifty years," added the informant.

A. H. Flasherty, of Providence, R. I., believes the relic has lessened the paralysis in one of his legs. In 1907 he left his crutches at the church and every succeeding year he has noticed a marked improvement in his condition after the relic had been applied. He is able to walk well now, but carries a cane, for his strength fails him after he has been a few hours on his feet.

More stories of cures were told in the crowds yesterday. It was said that on Sunday a ten-year-old girl, unable to speak since babyhood, received two applications of the relic and repeated several phrases after her mother. A similar return of speech was alleged in the case of a young woman of eighteen who had been dumb since an attack of scarlet fever when she was a child. The work of tearing down the present church opposite the present church church has been begun and plans are nearly complete for the new church to be built there. The church will have a frontage of 100 feet on Lexington avenue and will be one of the largest in city.

Farm and Garden

CABBAGE DISEASES.

Susceptibility to Rot and Infection Due to Soil Conditions.

In a bulletin on "Cabbage Experiments and Culture" issued by the Maryland agricultural experiment station it is asserted that the susceptibility to rot and disease of cabbage growing on very rich, highly cultivated land seemed to be due more to something unsuitable in the soil rather than to the direct attacks of bacteria or fungi. During very rainy weather in the heat of summer young and apparently vigorous cabbage plants will wither and die. If the weather is moderately dry and the soil loose and well cultivated, cabbage will grow vigorously and seemingly resist disease even if the soil is known to be infected with germs. It was noticed that a patch of cabbage planted on a piece of land that had been used to grow celery for several years grew very well until heavy rains began to fall in



PATCH OF CULTIVATED CABBAGE.

August. In the bright sunshine which followed the plants wilted and died.

The crop was a failure except a portion of the lower corner, which was on a poor clay knob, and there a few heads matured. Due consideration was given to the fact of poor drainage and also to excessive amounts of water about the roots, to which might be attributed much of the failure. Still it seemed a plausible conjecture that there might be extraordinary amounts of soluble salts in the soil and that they would have a poisonous effect on the roots. A piece of rather stiff clay land, one-eighth of an acre in size, that had been manured and planted to truck crops for many years and upon which cabbage had rotted badly the preceding year was again treated with ten tons per acre of rotted manure. This was plowed down and the land was prepared for the crop.

Plots were marked off and treated as follows:

- Plot 1—Complete fertilizer, 1,000 pounds per acre.
- Plot 2—Check, no fertilizer.
- Plot 3—Lime, sixty bushels per acre.
- Plot 4—Sulphate of potash, 300 pounds per acre.
- Plot 5—Muriate of potash, 300 pounds per acre.

It had been noticed in some other work under similar conditions that muriate of potash seemed to have the effect of promoting the vigor of the plants. Fifteen varieties of cabbage were planted across the plots, nine varieties of French and six of American origin. The plants were set June 22. They started off nicely and grew well until the first week of August, at which time there were incessant rains, followed by bright sunshine.

All the plants on all the plots wilted down and only a few recovered. Most of those wilted died in a short time with black rot. A few lingered on, but did not make satisfactory heads.

HINTS FOR BEEKEEPERS.

If you expect to get a crop of honey take good care of your bees.

Don't imagine that you know it all and cannot learn anything by reading a bee journal.

In the production of extracted honey give seven frames in the eight frame super and nine frames in the ten frame.

Don't put on your supers before the bees are ready for them, as you gain nothing by doing so, but only render it harder for the bees to keep up the necessary heat.

The necessity of having a neat and attractive label with the name and address of the producer on every package of honey put upon the market is well understood by the enterprising beekeeper.

FUNGUS POTATOES.

Old Disease That is Caused by Too Much Wet Weather.

Last July and early in August we had considerable wet weather. The potato tops suffered badly from a blight. However, the vines recovered sufficiently to mature a fair crop. All through the winter the stems are "What makes the cooked potato have such a sweet taste?" And again on cutting the tuber a brownish streak or blotch appears all through the tuber, resembling a marble cake. This is seated mostly beneath where the eyes are and about one-eighth of an inch from the surface. The potato shows no outward sign of disease except that the eyes do not push as rapidly on a diseased potato as they do on one free from it. These stems are about one inch long and one-fourth inch wide.

The query was, "What caused that peculiar streaking in the tuber?" In looking over a history of fungoids and fungous diseases of the potato we find that a very similar condition existed in Ireland in 1845, resulting in a great potato famine there. That year was a very wet year, and the natural moist climate of Ireland gave a great impetus to this disease. It has not reappeared to any great extent till last year. It bears no resemblance to the potato scab either on the tuber or the foliage. In this disease the leaves turn a brownish black color and drop off, while the stalk or stem may retain some vitality even to sending out duplicate leaves, though much smaller. The disease is, however, carried down to the tuber and is seen there as described. In dry seasons or in dry sections no alarm need be felt as to the disease spreading, but in low moist sections care should be exercised.

Affected tubers should by no means be planted. Varieties resisting blights in general are safer for planting so as to be sure that this peculiar blight gets no hold. In some parts of Europe it is bad, and no doubt but that it has been introduced into this country from there. A few years ago we received from England some varieties, but nothing wrong was noticed at that time. Should the disease appear of the foliage sprayings of bordeaux should be given every ten or twelve days through the season.—National Stockman and Farmer.

GROWING ENGLISH WALNUTS.

Found to be Capable of Doing Well in Eastern Orchards.

English walnuts are a welcome addition to the winter dinner bill, and many of them are eaten in New England. Few are the New Englanders, however, who have ever seen English walnuts growing. A Boston Globe correspondent sent in two photographs of walnut trees of the English variety raised in this country, with a note from the raiser of the nuts, Norman Pomeroy of Lockport, N. Y.

"Few people realize," wrote Mr. Pomeroy, "that English walnuts can



ENGLISH WALNUTS.

be grown extensively in the eastern part of the United States, and only by the merest accident was it found that they could be. My father, Norman Pomeroy, visited the Centennial exposition and, noticing a tree in the yard where he boarded at Philadelphia bearing nuts, gathered about a peck of them and brought them home with him. Some children found a small hole in the corner of the valve and got out all the nuts but seven. These he planted, and they sent up shoots that grew into fine large trees, which bore well. Some more trees were raised from this acclimated stock, and we now have a fine young orchard. Quite a number of our neighbors also raise walnuts from this stock."

Purpose of Stirring Soil. A newly stirred soil admits the air to the roots, conserves moisture and prevents the growth of weeds. Every shower tends to seal up the surface and exclude the air. So aim to stir up the soil after every rain.

Little More Than a Bushel. A box 16 by 18 by 7 1/2 inches inside measurement holds a little over a bushel of fruit. It has a cubic content of 2,160 cubic inches, whereas a standard bushel requires but 2,150 cubic inches.

A Good Investment. Beautiful home grounds are an investment, just as good fences, drainage, etc., are. They add to the value of the farm and to the happiness of the family.