

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

We give the President's message in full today. Read it.

Concord is up considerably today, the price being 14 1/2 cents.

Mr. Frank Brumley, our linotype operator who has been confined to his home for ten days, is again at his post.

Mr. Karl B. Cline, Pullman conductor, with headquarters in Chicago, will arrive the first of the week to spend a month's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cline.

The street lights in the entire north end of Concord have been conspicuous for their failure to shine for several nights past, and there have been loud complaints accordingly.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Geo. Harman and Mrs. A. Vander, of New York, traveling in a Matheson car en route to Winter Haven, Fla., stopped at the St. Cloud-Normandy for lunch today.

At a meeting of the graded school board Tuesday night Mr. L. A. Brown was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jno. K. Patterson, who recently moved from Ward 3 to Ward 2.

Mr. Baxter F. Widenhouse, of Georgeville, left here Wednesday afternoon with his family, consisting of his wife and child, for Jacksonville, Fla., which place they will make their home. Mr. Widenhouse does not know just what work he will engage in.

Mr. T. W. Smith, Jr., who has been spending his vacation of several months here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Smith, will leave the 20th for Sweden, where he will resume his work with the American Tobacco Co. He will spend a few days in New York before sailing.

Squire Sam Black has purchased the store of the late George Barbee, in No. 10 township, and will engage in merchandising in the future in connection with his farm. Mr. Black has held an interest in the store for some time and the first of the week he purchased the entire stock. He will continue the business at the same place.

Tuesday's Salisbury Post: Sheriff Forrest, of Stanly county, came up this morning from Albemarle with Theodore Moss, an unfortunate young white man who has been confined in the epileptic asylum at Raleigh. Moss escaped from the asylum several days ago and returned to his home in Stanly county. The sheriff went to Raleigh this afternoon with the prisoner.

C. T. Barnhardt, a prominent business man in Salisbury, was asphyxiated in a bath room at his home there Sunday afternoon while taking a bath. He turned off the blaze from a gas heater but did not stop the flow of gas and while dressing fell unconscious to the floor where he was found an hour later by members of the family. His condition remained serious for several hours but he rallied and will recover.

\$350,000 Cotton Mill for Lexington. Lexington Dispatch.

At a meeting of the Lexington Board of Trade held last night it was announced that the much talked of new cotton mill is a certainty. Local capitalists were asked to subscribe \$100,000 and the entire amount is in sight. The other capital is being put up by Mr. O. A. Robbins, of Charlotte, who subscribes \$50,000 and Fall River, Mass., mill men who put up \$200,000. The mill will be one of the largest in this part of the country and will be a valuable addition to the industrial life.

In securing this great mill Lexington has gone up against the fiercest competition and the thanks of the community are due the loyal Board of Trade, which has brought it to pass. Details as to location of the mill, when work will begin on it, etc., have not yet been announced.

Three Splendid Premiums. The Times has choice of three splendid premiums to offer to all subscribers who pay a full year in advance. They are as follows:

1st.—A pair of eight inch Spring Tension Shears.

2nd.—The Progressive Farmer one year for only 15 cents additional. This applies only to NEW subscribers to the Progressive Farmer.

3rd.—One year's subscription to the Southern Agriculturist.

All may have choice of any of the above premiums, but of course only one can be taken.

The otherwise entirely satisfactory and thoroughly enjoyable appearance here of Paul Gilmore and his company was marred by two things: First the performance did not begin until 9 o'clock, half an hour after it was advertised to begin, and, second by the fact that the opera house was almost as cold as a refrigerator. The theatre going public have a right to expect somewhat better treatment.

PROPOSED NEW RAILROAD.

Survey on Road from Salisbury to Monroe via Concord and Mt. Pleasant to be Started in a few Days. Salisbury Post.

The announcement of the completion of the Salisbury Railroad Company which is to build a railroad from Salisbury to Monroe by way of Faith and Mt. Pleasant, has been the subject of much comment. It was generally known that some plans were on foot toward the building of such a road, but few people knew that the plans had been matured to such a point.

It is stated positively that the road will be built and a glance at the personnel of the board of directors will show that the leaders of the enterprise are not dreamers, but practical men who do things. Mr. C. M. Miller has been engaged as engineer for the company, and he will begin the survey within the next few days when the details of the route will be announced. As soon as the survey is made work will be commenced at once and the road will be pushed to completion.

It is planned by the company to build the road from Salisbury to Monroe, connecting with the Seaboard at that point, and then afterwards to extend the line further east so as to connect with the Coast Line, and north to Winston-Salem to connect with the Norfolk and Western, at a later date.

Any one who is at all acquainted with the situation knows the immense possibilities for development in the section through which the new road is to be built. In the first place, the line will extend into the very heart of the large granite belt and tap an unlimited and almost inexhaustible supply of the finest granite in the world.

Hundreds of cars of this granite are now being shipped to all parts of the world in spite of the very unsatisfactory and limited railroad facilities and with the increased use of granite for road building as well as architectural purposes this industry alone would supply the road with an abundance of business.

The road will also make accessible a large supply of timber of the very best quality, to say nothing of the agricultural possibilities of the section traversed, which have been undeveloped for lack of proper transportation facilities.

Towns will spring up along Pleasant, which has been lying dormant for years for lack of railroad facilities, will become a large city by the new line as if by magic. Mt. Pleasant and the undeveloped resources cause of the many advantages which in the midst of which it is situated.

Sample-Farrow.

The following invitations have been issued:

Mrs. S. H. Farrow invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Johnnie to

Mr. William Franklin Sample on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-first of December at half after seven o'clock 263 North Union Street Concord, North Carolina.

No cards have been issued in the city.

Climax Barber Shop Goes Back to 10 Cents for Shaving.

As will be seen by advertisement in our Penny Column, the Climax Barber shop, which a few weeks ago along with the other barber shops of the city raised the price of shaves to 15 cents, announces that from this date the price will again be 10 cents. The St. Cloud and the Star still charge the increased price. The new barber shop operated by parties from Charlotte started up last Monday, charging only 10 cents, and it developed an interesting situation at once.

Letters to Santa Claus.

On Friday The Tribune will begin the publication of letters from the children to Santa Claus, and these will also be published in The Times. We want the little boys and girls to write to the good old man and tell him exactly what they want. Make your letters brief and to the point, for we will have many of them to print. Write your name in plain letters, so that Santa Claus will make no mistake.

Kimball-Ross.

The following invitations were issued here to-day:

Mrs. Paul Barringer Means invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Minnie Foard Ross to

Mr. William Robert Kimball, on the evening of Tuesday, the Twentieth of December, at seven o'clock, First Presbyterian Church, Concord, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. Zeb Barnhardt, who have been visiting relatives in the county for two weeks, have returned to their home in Asheville.

KNOCKOUT BLOW TO MILEAGE REQUIREMENT.

Supreme Court Says Railroads are Guilty of Breach of Faith in Asking Exchange for Tickets. Raleigh Special Charlotte Observer.

The North Carolina Supreme Court in Harvey vs. Railroad, from Wilson county, practically deals a "knock-out" blow to the railroad mileage book regulations requiring holders to procure mileage tickets in exchange before boarding a train in its ruling just made. Harvey is a traveling man and attempted at Wilson three or four times to procure a ticket in exchange for mileage, being stood aside each time by the agent in order that he might wait on cash purchasers of tickets. Finally the train came without Harvey having gotten his ticket. He boarded the train with mileage which the conductor refused to accept, putting him off at the first station. He recovered \$2,500 damages.

Now the Supreme Court, Associate Justice Hoke writing the opinion, approves the judgment holding that Harvey had the right, under the circumstances, to ride on the mileage. Chief Justice Walter Clark, in an opinion concurring with Justices Hoke and Manning in the controlling opinion of the court, holds further that the requirement that a holder of a mileage book shall obtain a ticket in exchange is a breach of faith on the part of the railroads at whose instance the special session of the General Assembly of 1908 was held to raise the passenger rate to 2 1/2 cents upon the proposition of the railroad companies that they would issue mileage books at 2 cents, meaning, Chief Justice Clark declares, the mileage to which the public had always been accustomed, whereby the mileage had been pulled on the train by the conductor. The Chief Justice also holds that the requirement to get a ticket for mileage is unreasonable and void and becoming heretofore unknown in this State and still unknown except in this State and a few adjacent States where the principal North Carolina roads extend.

Most Interesting Talk from Chinese Missionary.

All who last evening heard Dr. H. M. Woods, of the North China Mission, at the First Presbyterian church were delighted with his vivid portrayal of the work in that section of the great Chinese Empire. Most vividly did he paint the great opportunity before the Christian church to mould opinion in China where the lethargy of ages is being shaken off and the people are awakening to the advantages of Western civilization and seeking through missionary education. The great work Dr. Woods was enabled to do during the famine of a few years ago was modestly referred to and the depth of spirituality of recent revival among the Christian churches was impressively set forth. A cordial invitation is given to all to hear this gifted speaker tonight at 7 p. m.

Boy Kills Father.

News has just reached Wilmington of a cold-blooded murder at Verona, near that city, of Thomas Hardison, negro, by his 15-year-old son. The boy was caught the night after the patricide and is in jail at Jacksonville. The boy is said to have become enraged at his father for ordering him to remove his Sunday clothes before going to the woods with him to gather holly; that the boy returned to the house and in a few minutes overtook his father and emptied the contents of a shotgun in his breast, inflicting a wound that caused the father to die almost instantly. The boy then fled to the woods and hid, but was soon caught by a posse.

Public School Notes.

Another teacher has been added to the school at Kannapolis on account of the large attendance of the first grade, there being 90 enrolled, and a number of others will be in next week.

The patrons of the school at St. John will have a meeting this afternoon for the purpose of devising methods for the improvement of the school facilities at this school. A special school tax for this district will also be discussed. This matter has been considered by the patrons of the school at St. John for sometime but as yet no definite action has been taken.

Mr. Schaub to Talk to the Boys on Corn Culture.

Mr. I. O. Schaub, of the department of agriculture, Washington, has been invited to deliver an address to the boys of Cabarrus county on the subject of "Raising Corn." Mr. Schaub has written that he will accept the invitation but on account of other engagements he is unable to tell exactly what date he will be present. The prizes in the boys' corn contest of this county will be awarded on the day he speaks here. Full details will be published later.

Mrs. J. A. Cline and Miss Olivet Cline are visiting in Charlotte.

FACTS ABOUT SOUTHBOUND.

Interesting Items About the New Railroad from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro. Winston Sentinel.

Stations, with a distance from Winston-Salem—South Winston-Salem, 3 miles; Eilers, 10; Welcome, 15; Lexington, 21; Cotton Grove, 27; Southmount, 32; Daniel 38; Newsom, 43; Tuckertown, 46; Whitney 49; Palestine, 54; Albemarle, 59; Porter, 65; Norwood, 69; Cedar Hill, 74; Ansonville, 77; Pinkerton, 84; Wadesboro, 89. Total mileage, 89.

Maximum grades—Southbound, six-tenths of one per cent; northbound, one per cent.

Straight track, 71 per cent; curved track 28 per cent.

Steel rails used, 85 pounds.

Principal steel structures—Salem creek, 693 feet long and 92 feet high; South Fork, 873 feet long and 68 feet high; Soakus, 783 feet long and 53 feet high; Yadkin river, 1,458 feet long and 58 feet high; Rocky River, 460 feet long and 47 feet high; Brown's creek, 262 feet long and 23 feet high; total length of steel trestles, 5,418 feet.

Overhead highway crossings of steel, 18; overhead highway crossings of wood, 6; under highway crossings (concrete), 3.

Highest point in line, 1,015 feet, ten and one-half miles south of Winston-Salem, near Midway church; lowest point on line, 292 feet, Rocky River Crossing, 71 miles south of Winston-Salem.

All drainages and culverts are of iron and concrete.

The lines goes through parts of five counties and touches four county seats, Winston-Salem, in Forsyth county; Lexington in Davidson county; Albemarle, in Stanly county; Wadesboro, in Anson county. It touches the northeast corner of Montgomery county.

The Yadkin river divides Montgomery and Stanly counties.

Rocky river divides Stanly and Anson counties.

Contracts for the construction of the road were awarded August, 1909. The work of construction started September 1st, 1909.

The first passenger train ran November 24th, 1910.

The regular passenger service will be inaugurated December 15th, 1910.

Gratifying Report of Baptist Secretary Made.

The State Mission Board through the corresponding secretary, Livingston Johnston, made its annual report which shows a gain of \$2100 31 the past year and the missionaries report 2,227 baptisms. During the year 68 new church buildings were erected and 14 new churches organized. The total expenditures of the board amount to \$41,428.46. The reports from the mission stations show that there were 110 more baptisms this year than last and 267 more were received by letter. The financial showing is far better than that of last year.

There were 41 houses of worship building last year and 68 this year. The reports show 26 houses finished this year as against 22 last. The report of Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton shows a marked gain in the department of Sunday school work. The total enrollment is 165,000 which is an increase of 11,500. There are 1,790 schools, an increase of 109.

That Long-Talked of Need at the Passenger Station.

The Southern Railway has not yet provided a telephone from the telegraph office to the ticket office and they have failed to provide any other method that will enable the night ticket agent to ascertain what time any of the trains that arrive after 8 o'clock are expected. The holiday season has now arrived and the usual heavy passenger traffic has begun and will increase as the season approaches, which will necessitate practically all the trains running behind the regular schedule. It is now time for the Southern to put in this long-needed phone so that the people here who will come and go on the night trains may be able to learn when they are expected to arrive.

House Began Its Session Before The Chaplain Arrived.

For the first time in a long while the House Tuesday began business without asking divine guidance.

The heavy snow storm that has swathed the capital in white so crippled the street car systems that Chaplain Condon did not reach the Capitol before noon, as is his custom. Speaker Cannon at the stroke of 12 brought his gavel down sharply. He looked around in perplexity.

"The chaplain not having arrived," he announced finally, "the clerk will proceed with the reading of the journal."

The clerk proceeded, but his droning soon was interrupted by the appearance of Dr. Couden, who delivered the prayer.

WOODMEN BANQUET.

A Delightful Occasion Tuesday Night—Officers for the Ensuing Year. Elm Camp W. O. W. held their annual election of officers Tuesday night which was followed by a banquet that was the most largely attended affair of the kind held here in some time.

There are eight camps in the county and despite the unpleasant weather a delegation was here from each Camp.

The meeting began at 8 o'clock in the Woodmen Lodge rooms at the Pythian building. Mr. J. C. Fink delivered the welcome address on behalf of Elm Camp. Messrs. James F. Alexander, of Harrisburg, Mr. Davis, of Kannapolis, and Messrs. J. R. and Harvey McAllister, of Mount Pleasant, responded in behalf of their respective lodges. After the speech-making had been concluded the election of officers for the ensuing year was held and the following were elected:

C. H. Peck, Council Commander; C. A. Isenhour, Advisor; Lieutenant; J. Mack Caldwell, Banker; J. H. Dorton, Clerk; F. C. Carroll, Escort; Lewis Boyd, Watchman; J. M. Mabrey, Sentry; A. M. Faggart, C. J. Williams and A. R. Hoover, Managers, and Drs. Smoot & Pemberton and F. O. Rogers, Physicians.

As soon as the election was over the Camp and visitors marched to the Allison building, where an elaborate spread had been prepared. A table extended the entire length of the storeroom formerly occupied by Gaddy & Troy was laden with barbecued pig, all kinds of sandwiches, salads, fruits and cigars. An enjoyable feature of the occasion was the excellent music rendered by the Woodmen band. After everyone had partaken to his own satisfaction the meeting adjourned to the Pythian building where another session was held.

The Salisbury Railroad.

Salisbury Post, 6th.

A meeting of the incorporators of the Salisbury Railroad Company was held in the law offices of T. J. Jerome, Esq., yesterday and the following gentlemen elected directors:

W. H. Miller, L. Dunker, T. H. Vanderford, J. D. Norwood, M. L. Jackson, W. H. Ragland, N. B. McCanness and T. J. Jerome, of Salisbury, and J. K. Dorsett, of Spencer, the latter being cashier of the Bank of Spencer.

Other directors will be chosen from points along the line of the road later on.

These gentlemen are all well known in Salisbury with the possible exception of Mr. Miller and Mr. Ragland, his partner, who have lately become identified with Salisbury and her interests, being largely interested in the granite industry, and having recently purchased a very large interest in the First National Bank, of this city. Mr. Dunker is a broker of Pittsburg, and also a large mine operator in this and other counties of this State.

Plyler to be Hanged January 20.

Governor Kitchin Tuesday fixed Friday, January 20 as the date for the electrocution of C. B. Plyler, sentenced in Union county for the murder of Carter Parks, his brother-in-law, June 15 last. Parks disappeared from his home three days, and was later found in decayed condition some distance back of his house. His head had been shot off by some one who had sneaked up from the rear. The crime was fixed on Plyler and two negroes who were charged as accomplices.

There are three others awaiting electrocution in the penitentiary. Phillip Mills, Transylvania county, is to die February 10 for wife murder; Norman Lewis, colored, January 5, for killing the chief of police of Spring Hope; J. B. Allison, Buncombe county, is under sentence to die February 24 for murder.

Needle Pulled from His Chest.

Following a complaint that his chest itched an ordinary needle was pulled from the breast of Lewis Seaford, a nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Seaford, of Salisbury, one day during the past week. The lad frequently played with needles several years ago and it is believed swallowed one of the projectiles which worked its way from his stomach out to the surface between the ribs. The boy had not suffered, however, from the effects of the needle which was in his body for the past four years or more. The needle is on exhibition in Salisbury and there is abundant proof that it was pulled point foremost from the breast of young Seaford.

Mr. Brown Deal and Miss Brittle Deal, both from near Enochville, were married last Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. M. Noracher at his residence at China Grove. The attendants were: Mr. Clyde Deal and Miss Mary Deal; Mr. Fling Goodman and Miss Carrie Deal. Mr. Deal is having a residence erected near Mill Bridge, where he and his bride will live.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Railroad Talk Again—A Business Change—Mr. Peck Hurt—Fire Extinguished—Other News.

Dr. J. M. Matthews was called to East Bend a few days ago to the bedside of his brother, who was seriously injured in a runaway.

News was received here last week of the sudden death of the young child of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Faleswider at Newberry, S. C. The cause of the death was malarial poisoning, the child having eaten about fifteen matches. Mr. and Mrs. Faleswider have the sympathy of their many friends here in their bereavement. Mrs. G. W. Blackwelder, mother of Mrs. Faleswider, left at once for Newberry upon receipt of the sad news.

Measra. George Jackson, Ross McCanness and Mr. Raglan were here last week talking railroad. We know of no better place to talk railroad than Mt. Pleasant. All we need is a captain to crystallize the talk into dollars for road building purposes.

Mt. Pleasant has been called upon to give up one of her most prominent citizens to Concord, Mr. John B. McAllister, the new register of deeds. Mr. McAllister moved his family last week and is now residing in East Concord on the Mt. Pleasant road.

A business change, for sometime rumored, has become a reality. Mr. George Foll has entered the firm of Cook & Foll Co., having secured the interest held by Mr. J. B. McAllister. Mr. Foll moved his family here recently and is now actively engaged in the mercantile business.

Mrs. W. S. Hartsell leaves this afternoon for Davidson College, having been called to the bedside of her father, who suffered a second stroke of paralysis Saturday. His condition is serious, the throat being chiefly affected.

Miss Ida Fisher, who has been on an extended visit to friends at Lawrence and Newberry, S. C., is expected home tomorrow.

Miss Ethel Corzine and Mr. P. A. Moose spent yesterday in Concord.

Dr. G. D. Moore and Mr. Fred Foll attended the Elks' memorial service in Concord yesterday.

Mrs. James G. Barringer and Mrs. D. H. McEachern spent Sunday in Concord.

Miss Carrie Eady has accepted a position with the Little-Long Company, Charlotte, during the holidays.

Mrs. Thom, of China Grove, is visiting her father, Rev. Schulenberg.

Mr. J. A. Peck was right painfully hurt last week, being cut on the head by an axe. He was cutting wood near a clothes line which caught his axe and threw it back with considerable force, striking Mr. Peck on the forehead.

Just as this letter was about to be mailed the fire alarm was sounded. In some way, not known, the home of Mrs. P. A. Barrier caught fire at the chimney. Heroic work on the part of volunteers quickly extinguished the flames before any headway had been gained or serious damage done.

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 5, 1910.

Baptist State Convention.

The eighteenth annual session of the Baptist State Convention met Tuesday in the court house at Hendersonville.

The convention proceeded to organization and reelected William C. Dowd, of Charlotte, as president, and N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, and C. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest, as secretaries.

An interesting showing of ten years growth of Baptists in North Carolina is shown in the reports prepared for the state convention from reports that are on file in the convention headquarters at Raleigh. The denomination has grown within ten years from 166,008 to 220,225 communicants, and there was raised during the year just closed \$165,809 as compared with \$54,472 ten years ago. There are in the field at this time 148 missionaries against 75 ten years ago. The denomination has raised a grand total of \$393,549 on its mission fields in the state; paid \$158,748 in pastors' salaries and expended \$171,497 for church building.

Ginners' Report Shows 10,000,000 Bales December 1st.

The annual report of the National Ginners' Association, issued at Memphis, Tuesday, shows 10,020,000 bales of cotton ginned to December 1. The total crop estimated by the association is 11,126,000 bales. The report by States of bales ginned follow: Alabama, 610,000 bales; Florida 533,000; Georgia, 1,612,000; Louisiana, 210,000; Mississippi, 948,000; North Carolina, 608,000; Oklahoma, 827,900; South Carolina, 1,031,000; Tennessee, 242,000; Texas 2,770,000; various, 53,000.

Mr. H. J. King left this morning for his home in Lane City, Texas. Mr. King will be joined in Spartanburg by Mr. W. A. Dayvaull, who left Monday, and who has been visiting his sister at Columbia.