

GENERAL NEWS.

Rev. J. C. Alexander, of the Presbyterian Church, died suddenly at his home in this county, on the 15th inst. He was buried on the 17th at Buffalo church. Funeral services by Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Winston, in the presence of a very large audience. Mr. Alexander was highly esteemed and leaves a wife and several children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

James Odell, the father of J. M. and J. A. Odell, died at his home in Randolph last Friday. On Saturday he was buried at Gray's Chapel.

Ossipe Cotton Mill, of which Capt. Jas. N. Williamson is the proprietor, has just received an addition to its machinery of 1,200 Whiting gravity spindles, making the whole number of spindles 3,200. This mill also contains 160 looms and is now full of machinery. —Alamance Gleaner.

The Mountain Gleaner is the name of a new paper published at Asheville, N. C., in the interest of the colored race. Mr. H. Lipscomb is editor. Subscription price \$1 per year.

The famous murder case of Mr. A. A. Owens by his wife and two negroes, has been removed from Washington county to Beaufort county and will be tried here at the next term of the court. —Washington Gazette.

Gov. Scales has offered one hundred and twenty-five dollars reward for the apprehension or capture of Pat Brewer, the negro who murdered young Freeze at Chapel Hill some time ago.

The cotton mills of the State are doing the best business they have enjoyed for many years. This ought to encourage somebody to build one here.

A series of meetings has just closed in the Durham Methodist church. It lasted eight weeks and 209 persons were converted.

The N. C. Conference of the Southern M. E. Church will convene at Reidsville, Dec. 2nd. Bishop Granberry will preside.

One thousand Negroes have joined the churches at Columbia, S. C., since the earthquake.

Six thousand men employed in the cattle slaughter yards of Chicago have gone out on a strike.

There has been a reduction of \$35,000,000 on the U. S. public debt within the past four months.

Gov. Scales has issued his proclamation designating Thursday, 25th inst., as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

The President is said to have contributed \$1,500 to the Democratic campaign fund in his State.

425 scholars are registered at the Winston Graded School.

DURHAM FIRE.

Dr. Blacknell received the following letter from Mr. J. S. Carr, of Durham, which he kindly furnishes us for publication:

Fire broke out this morning shortly after 3 o'clock at Atwater's store. Seventeen of our best buildings were burned, including Parrish's warehouse, the bank of Durham, Parrish's two large prize rooms, four stories each, and Umstead's four story warehouses, besides twelve stores including the postoffice and the office of the Tobacco Plant. Also the residence of Ed Lyon.

The loss in tobacco was all of 1,000,000 pounds. There were 700 hogsheads of tobacco burned in the basement of Parrish's warehouse alone, besides large quantities in the three other warehouses, prized in hogsheads and in bulk. God in his goodness saved the Methodist church by a timely change in the wind. It is impossible at this writing to form any estimate of the loss, but it will not fall short of half a million dollars.

The following firms were burned out.

J. Levy, R. H. Atwater, A. M. Riggsbee, Lambe, Slater & Gorman, Shelburne the artist, J. Goldscheider, C. G. Taylor, S. R. Perry, Q. Rawls, M. C. Herndon & Co., the postoffice, the Plant office, Hamilton's confectionery, C. T. Postley, Mrs. and Miss Smith, Millinery, Measeley & Means, E. J. Parrish's two warehouses, bank of Durham, Umstead's building, residence of I. Ed Lyon.

It is believed that the losses are fully covered by insurance. Parrish thinks he is fully covered, or thereabouts. —Raleigh Visitor.

To clubs of 10 we will send the NORTH CAROLINA PROHIBITIONIST for \$8 per year. Make up a club at once.

New York is to have a constitutional convention.

The Rev. W. W. Pharr, Pastor of the Mallard Creek Presbyterian church, died yesterday. He has been suffering for a long time with Paralysis. He was a worthy Christian Minister of more than ordinary ability. He had many friends in Concord. —Concord Register.

Rev. J. W. Wellons, of Franklinton, N. C., has a tannery and retail shoe business which he desires to sell, as his voice has so much improved as to enable him to engage again actively in the work of the ministry. This is a good chance for a young man to make a paying investment.

A plasterer named Shules, of Wimp, Pa., who contemplated leaving for the old country recently sold his wife and five children to a man named Williams for \$870. A regular legal agreement was drawn up between the two men and the property was formally transferred.

When in want of clothing do not fail to call on C. & M. Pretzfelder, S. S. Brown or G. Will Armfield. These firms each keep a full line of clothing and will be glad to have you call and examine their goods.

Mrs. Flemming, of Wood county, Ohio, after forty two years of wedded life has sued her husband for a divorce. She lighted an extra candle the other night, when the preacher and his wife called and after they had gone, her husband, Josiah, boxed her ears for this display of extravagance. His cruelty is the ground for her suit.

In removing bodies from the Moravian Cemetery in Philadelphia recently, it was found that the body of Joseph Worrell, who was buried just seventy-five years ago was completely petrified. The features were as lifelike as if sculptured in marble. The casket was filled with clear water.

Owing to the long continued drought the Blue Ridge Mountains in Pennsylvania are on fire. Farmers are fighting the fire manfully, but owing to the scarcity of water their efforts have availed little. It is estimated that over 1,000 acres of woodland have been burned over, and the loss thus far amounts to \$40,000. Many farm buildings and houses are in imminent danger. —New York Voice.

The factory troubles in Augusta, Georgia, were settled on the 4th inst., on the following very satisfactory terms: The full recognition of the Knights of Labor, the abolition of the pass or lue system, the remission of rents until the sixth of November, and future differences between the operatives and the mills to be decided by arbitration. This terminates the strike and lockout in the Augusta factories and gives work to 3,000 hands.

A desperate crime was committed in Johnston county, in which Deputy Sheriff Berry Godwin was shot, and it is now thought, mortally wounded by B. King, Godwin was serving a warrant upon King for failure to work a public road. At the time King stood only thirty yards away, and literally riddled Godwin with shot, firing both barrels of his gun. Even wadding and powder entered Godwin's flesh. King is under arrest and in jail.

The missing president of the Bank of Peoria, Ill., who decamped about a year ago with \$300,000 of the Bank was arrested in Montreal on the 3d, in the vicinity of Cross Roads Church, Yadkin county, N. C., October 18, a young man named Lakay shot and mortally wounded J. Cooley, with whose daughter he was running away. Cooley objected to the marriage and pursued the couple. When he overtook them Lakay shot him, inflicting a wound from which he died two days later. Lakay fled, leaving the girl with her father, and at last accounts was at large.

ATTEMPTED MURDER. Last Friday after the political speaking at Peak Creek, Mr. J. W. M. Grayson proceeded to address the people on the railroad question, and during his remarks a young man named Jim Baker went stealthily up in front of him, attempted to plunge the blade of a large dirk into his abdomen, when he was suddenly jerked back by bystanders and disarmed. Mr. Grayson's wound was not serious, and he concluded his speech after the occurrence. It seems that there was no enmity between the two, and the only motive assigned for the attempted tragedy was that Baker was intoxicated and crazed by drink. When questioned about the occurrence afterward he said he knew nothing about it. He was arrested and Saturday last was brought to town and lodged in jail to await trial. —Appalachian Philosopher.

A writer in the Louisville Home and Farm gives the following which he calls a never failing remedy for chicken cholera:

Give the sick fowls twenty drops of laudanum in a teaspoonful of cold oil. One dose is sufficient to cure the worst case. After giving the fowl the medicine put in a coop for a day or two, until well. Sometimes I have given two doses but rarely.

"So far, so good," said the boy after eating the stolen tart. After reviewing the thousands of colds and coughs that have been conquered, by Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup we can readily say, so far so good.

Some genius proposes to introduce paper shirts. This might do for Japan, but would prove a "great thing" for the doctors, because rheumatism, etc., would become frequent. How, ever, people would keep Salvation Oil convenient, paper shirts might still be a success. It only costs 25 cents.

On Saturday afternoon Oscar Coley and two sons of Mr. Jessie Jones, were out squirrel hunting in the neighborhood of Stantonburg. Seeing a squirrel enter a hollow in a tree one of the Jones boys climbed the tree to scare him out. Just as the boy neared the hollow the squirrel ran out, and Oscar Coley, in his eagerness, fired rather hurriedly, and in his excitement, unfortunately killed young Jones, who plunged headlong to the ground. The sad event has thrown a gloom over the whole neighborhood, and none grieve more bitterly than the distressed Oscar Coley.

TRouble AHEAD.—The excessively short crops, especially food crops, the stagnation of business, and the exceedingly hard times, all combine to make the approaching winter greatly to be dreaded. We learn through correspondents and otherwise, of numerous deprivations all ready on corn and cotton in the field, and through the press of a marked tendency to violence. From all around comes the complaint of scarcity to animals—chiefly from the want of food and inattention. What may we not expect in midwinter?

In all kinds and cases of crime the main hope is the law. But there has been too much dallying with crime and criminals. Judge Clark is on the right track. Marked examples must be made of the leading men and leading criminals. But we wish to appeal to all good people to be unusually vigilant in watching and guarding their premises.

Half of the petty misdemeanors come from the carelessness of property holders. And let all peace officers be especially careful to note and arrest all idle, suspicious persons as vagrants, and have them put to work. Above all let courts and magistrates cease the policy of letting scoundrels off on condition of leaving the county or State. The whole country is wrong in this policy.

And now, on the other hand, in view of the extraordinary bad seasons and the distinctive Providences everywhere calling us to duty, charity and sacrifice, let all, especially Christian men and women, do all they can to give the willing and working poor employment. Let all well-to-do farmers, above all others seek to employ labor, help and encourage each other, suppress crime and disorder, and rally to the support of law and order.—Ballot.

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