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NEARLY A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Tree Falls Upon R. M. Clodfelter and He Has a Narrow Escape.

While cutting down a large tree, on his farm near Wallburg last week, Mr. R. M. Clodfelter had a narrow escape from death. A large limb upon the tree which he was chopping split away from the trunk of the tree and fell to the ground, catching Mr. Clodfelter beneath its ponderous weight. He was knocked down and a portion of the limb rested heavily across his chin. In this position he was forced to remain until his son, Eugene, who was present and witnessed the accident, could cut the limb in pieces, it being too heavy for the boy to move. Mr. Clodfelter was badly injured, but will recover.

Didn't Want Any More "Somes" of That Kind.

The teacher of a certain public school received the following letter the other day: "Sir—Will you in the future give my son easier somes to do at nites? This is what he's brought home for two or three nites back: 'If fore gallins of bere will fill thirty-two pint bottles, how many pints and half bottles will nine gallins of bere fill?' Well, we tried and could make nothing of it at all, and my boy cried and cried and sed he didn't dare to go back in the mornin without doin it. So I had to go and buy a nine gallin keg of bere, which I could ill afford to do, and then he went and borrowed a lot of wine and brandy bottles. We filled them, and my boy put the numbers down for an answer. I don't know whether it is right or not, as we spilt some while doin it. P. S.—Please let the next some be in water, as I am not able to buy more bere."

Mr. Green to Establish Veneering Plant at Raleigh.

The Raleigh Post says: "Mr. E. L. Green, of Davidson county, who purchased Mr. John A. Mills' farm near this city a few days ago, paying therefor the snug sum of ten thousand dollars, will, it is understood, establish a veneering plant not far from the city at an early day. "It is probable the works will be established on the line of the Raleigh and Cape Fear railroad. There is an abundance of fine timber, such as could be profitably utilized by a veneering plant close at hand. The tract purchased by Mr. Green has on it several hundred acres of finely timbered land. "Mr. Green is contemplating entering largely into tobacco culture on the place, though it is not yet definitely settled. He will not begin to raise tobacco this year, at any rate."

THE LARGEST SCHOOL.

EDITOR DISPATCH: As there is some rivalry in school districts as to what school is the largest and the most advanced, I will let you hear from School No. 2, known as Boston. It is located 4 miles west of High Point, in Abbott's Creek township. Their enrollment is 103 and average attendance 83 1/2. Their different branches of study are as follows: Higher arithmetic, 25; primary, 45; Physical geography, 2; higher geography, 14; primary, 24; higher grammar, 15; primary, 25; algebra, 1; Robinson's arithmetic, 1; physiology, 10; North Carolina history, 8; Eggleston's U. S. history, 2. If there is a more advanced common school in the county outside of town, send in your report. Good schools like these reported and compulsory attendance will surely set us right in the future. Mr. B. C. Hayworth, principal, John W. Moore, assistant. Orinoco, N. C. E.

A fresh lot of Malaga grapes just received at W. E. & H. A. Hege's.

Send us your subscription.

JUST A FEW—BUT THIS BEATS NONE.

The past week has been a dull one in all lines of business. The Dispatch is among the sufferers on account of the rain, and our list of new subscribers and renewals is not as large as we would like. However, we are thankful to these friends for remittances since our last issue:

J E Sharpe, R L Payne, L A H Rogers, J A Darr, Chas S Welborn, J H Everhart, Mrs Gen C W Irish, J B Spilman, J E Kerns, Mrs J H Day, C R Reed, Mrs M L Peardon, Josiah W Brown, L S Mullikan, A J Warner, R J Baise, Miss Ada Garner, J L Armfield, M H Stone, Jno Franklin Myers, Mrs G E Jordan, M R Rothrock, Geo H Yow, J M Sken, G W Swing, S L Kanoy, Chas H Curry, J C Link, J B Charles, T W Myers, Jno H Feezor, A E Trantham, A P Haner, W J Shirley, J T Barnwell.

Murderers Escape and Are Killed.

Two murderers, Edward and John Biddle, condemned to be executed, made their escape from jail at Pittsburg, Pa., on Friday. The wife of the jailer became infatuated with Edward and furnished them with pistols. They sawed themselves out of the cells and shot one guard and at point of pistols put the three guards into the dark cell. Then they went to the guard's wardrobe and exchanged suits and deliberately opened the door, having secured the key, and walked out. The jailer's wife in the mean time, had left her husband and met her lover.

The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel, the jailer's wife, were captured at 7:45 Friday evening trying to make their way to the Canada line. They refused arrest and opened fire on the officer who riddled them with shots. Edward and John both received fatal wounds and died Saturday. Mrs. Soffel was also dangerously wounded and is not expected to live.

Relatives Are Ungrateful.

Some weeks ago at the suggestion of some charitably disposed persons, Mrs. J. D. Arnold collected funds to the amount of \$6.35 for the benefit of the two little blind children whose friends were endeavoring to secure admission into the Blind Asylum for them. Now relatives of the children will not allow them to go to the Asylum, at present at least, and Mrs. Arnold desires us to announce that the \$6.35 has been placed in the Bank of Lexington, and that if the money is not used for the purpose to which it was donated it will be returned to the parties who subscribed it.

Wild Deer in Stanley.

The New London correspondent of the Stanley Enterprise says: A wild deer was seen at the Ritchie farm 2 miles north of here Monday. This is the second deer that has been seen in this township within the last month. The attention of the public is called to the fact that the last legislature enacted a law prohibiting the killing of deer for the next five years.

Two New Congregations.

Rev. C. L. Miller, of Ilex, Davidson county, was in Salisbury last night, returning from Rockwell, where he has been visiting his father, to Lexington, to resume his pastoral work. Rev. Miller tells us that two new Lutheran congregations will soon be organized in Davidson, one at Lexington and one at Thomasville.—Salisbury Sun.

A Life-Long Subscriber.

Mrs. J. H. Day, proprietress of the New Southern Hotel, Jackson, Tenn., writes as follows: "Enclosed find \$1.00 for subscription to The Davidson Dispatch. Mr. C. C. Hargrave, a travelling salesman of Lexington, kindly gave me the address of your paper, so consider me a life-long subscriber, as I was reared in Davidson county."

THE FACTORY IS CHARTERED.

It is the "Elk" and Has a Capital Stock of \$40,000.

Last Saturday the State of North Carolina chartered the Elk Furniture Co., of Lexington, with a capital stock of \$40,000, to manufacture furniture, veneering, etc. The charter was issued to D. F. Conrad, Dr. E. J. Buchanan, Walser & Walser, R. L. Burkhead and others, containing in all the names of twenty-seven stockholders.

The company has the privilege to increase its capital to \$100,000. As heretofore published the factory will be located opposite the Southern Railway depot and the Dixie Furniture Co.'s plant. The new factory will be equipped with a double set of machinery, have its own electric plant and will be one of the most modern factories in the south. Work on the erection of the buildings will begin soon.

Some More Old Coins.

Mr. Franklin Miller was in to see us Monday for the purpose of showing us an old coin which he found in High Point several years ago. The coin is of silver and nearly as large as an American 25 cent piece. It is of Spanish make and was coined during the reign of Charles III, and bears his name and the year of its coinage, 1773, which makes it 129 years old.

Just a few minutes prior to Mr. Miller's visit, on old copper coin bearing the date 1773 was shown us by Mr. E. V. Darr. It was formerly the property of the late Andrew Darr. There seems to be a number of old coins in existence around here, but these are among the oldest we have seen.

THE LONG SUIT COMPROMISED.

Southern Railway Pays B. F. Long \$7,850 and the Costs of the Case.

The celebrated suit wherein Hon. B. F. Long was suing the Southern Railway for \$50,000 damages on account of the death of his son, who was killed by a train at Chapel Hill some years ago, was settled at Statesville Monday by compromise. The Southern agrees to pay Mr. Long the sum of \$7,850. It also agrees to pay all the costs in the action, and all three of Mr. Long's cases against the road have been dropped from the docket.

Marsh Items.

Marsh, Feb. 3.—Mr. C. B. Wall has been very sick for the past week, but is some better now.

Miss Dora Cross has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Hammet Davis, of Pinnix.

Mr. H. H. Floyd shot and killed a fine turkey recently. Mr. Ross Anderson, of Denton, also killed a fine one the day on which he was 15 years old. It weighed 15 pounds.

Mr. Lindsay Owen has been on the sick list for the past week.

On the night of the 21st of January a waste house and barn belonging to Margaret Henderson, of Silver Hill township, was burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Miss Mintie Kinney, one of Marsh's young ladies, is visiting relatives in Durham.

Mr. Frank Leonard, the Photographer, is in our midst taking photos. BIG LEAF.

Bain Dots.

Bain, Jan. 30.—Mrs L P Nance is visiting her daughter, Mrs G L Lanier, of this place.

Mr. Giles Smith, of this place, has gone to Lexington to work in the furniture factory.

Rev. Holloway, of the M P church, preached his first sermon at Pine Hill on last Sunday evening 8 o'clock.

The public school at Hickory Hill is doing fine this winter, under control of Mr Dockery Sexton, of Salem Church, Randolph county.

Wheat is looking bad in this section of the county. There will not be half a crop unless there is a big come out in it.

PLUNKET.

THE HOG CAME OUT

But Saw His Shadow and Now We Are Having Winter.

According to the time-honored ground hog tradition, we are destined to experience six weeks more of winter.

Sunday, February 2nd, was the fateful day when his nobbs, the ground hog is supposed to have emerged cautiously from his lair for the first time since he betook himself thence for the long winter sleep. Sunday was also the first time in many days that the sun has shone in Lexington and there isn't the slightest doubt that the ground hog saw his shadow. Consequently he is supposed to have retreated to his hole and pulled the hole in after him to remain in seclusion for a season of forty days.

New Advertisements.

Mr. J. F. Ward has a lot of new arrivals, in the way of white goods, gingham, etc., which the ladies should call and examine. Read his new advertisement.

The Lexington Drug Co. is prepared to meet your "gardening" wants with the best of seeds. Their advertisement will tell you about this and other things of interest.

A handsome electro of the Hege Marble Works appears elsewhere. If you contemplate the erection of a monument to the memory of some loved one, you should be sure and see Mr. H. J. Hege.

The Implement House is not complaining over last year's business and promises better things for the future. Mr. Crouse's new advertisement is of interest to all. Read it.

Hinkle & Brinkley's specialty this week is glassware and crockery. You never had a better chance to lay in a supply of these articles. Their new ad. will tell you about it.

All housekeepers should be sure and read W. E. & H. A. Hege's new advertisement. They are making some especially low prices on groceries.

Lilac Items.

Lilac, Feb. 3.—Mr W E Holton's little son is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Dicey Ann Thompson's mother is very sick, we are sorry to note.

Old Mark & Cy was a little premature last week in his statement in regard to the parsonage at Linebury.

Wheat crop looks fine in this section—so fine it can't hardly be seen.

The public school will close at Salem next Saturday, the 8th.

Mr. Harris Johnson, Jr., is out again with his broken leg, and on the road to recover, we are glad to note.

The first quarterly meeting for Uwharrie Circuit will be held the 8th inst., by Rev J R Scroggs, Presiding Elder.

The first quarterly meeting for the Davidson circuit was held the first day of February. As it was a very rainy day the attendance was light.

Messrs. Daniel & Hedrick are making preparations to run their Buhr mill by steam, which is located in New Hope township.

Mrs. Parthania Elliott has sold her farm near Toms Creek and has moved to the Nathan Riley farm.

Mrs. S. W. Thompson visited her son in Davidson last Sunday.

We understand that a Miss Nervie Cranford is to move in the vicinity of Denton.

The funeral sermon of the wife of J. A. Thompson will be preached at Siloam church the second Sunday in February at 2 o'clock, by the Rev Jeff Lanning, of Denton.

MONSTRANT.

Winter Excursion Routes.

Effective October 15, 1901, excursion rates are placed on sale by the Southern Railway to all principal winter resorts of the South and Southwest. Ask any agent Southern Railway for full information.

MR. SNIDER IS COMMISSIONER.

Clerk Phillips Appoints J. Allison Snider to Succeed Commissioner Wood.

On last week Clerk of the Superior Court H. T. Phillips, appointed Mr. J. Allison Snider, of Denton, Emmons township, as county commissioner to succeed Mr. J. T. Wood, who recently moved from this county to Asheboro.

The appointment is an excellent one in every particular. Mr. Snider is a good farmer and an excellent citizen. He is possessed of splendid business qualifications and will no doubt serve the county with great credit and ability.

Mr. Snider took the necessary oath of office Monday morning and immediately entered upon his duties, serving on the board that day.

Linwood Items.

Linwood, Feb. 3.—Rev. Mr. H. M. Blair, of Greensboro, will preach at Linwood church the second Sunday at eleven o'clock. We hope everybody will come out and hear him.

Rev. Mr. Barringer will fill his regular appointment at Mt. Carmel church, a few miles from this place, on the second Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Times are dull, farmers are getting behind badly with their work. Scarcely any plowing has been done yet on account of so much wet and frozen weather.

Mr. A. T. Hedrick will go to Salisbury next week to court.

Mr. G. A. Hedrick is suffering with a bad hand that he got hurt while tearing down a chimney a few days ago.

If there is anything in sunshine and cold wind on ground hog day we had better not plant our 'taters yet.

Mr. Dock Leonard's little child that has been very low with pneumonia, is improving, we are glad to say.

On last Thursday some of the neighbors went hunting with Uncle Nick Slaughter's hounds and some others and they say it was the best pack that has run in the Jersey this season. Mr. H. H. McCrary went for his first time in three years.

Messrs. Lee Ford and Henry Thomason, of Lexington, were guests near Linwood last Sunday evening. The boys seem to like Linwood pretty well.

Mr. J. A. Walton went to Woodleaf, Rowan county, and Cooleme last week and visited his brother-in-law, Mr. Geo. H. Kenely, of Woodleaf.

Messrs. Frank and Bob McCrary and A F Wilson went to High Point Wednesday on business.

Mr. Henry Beck's little daughter was very sick last week, but is improving at this writing.

LINWOOD, No. 2.

Swift Items.

Swift, Feb. 3.—The aged father of W E Nance, of this place, was buried at Piney Jar. 30. He was 80 years old.

Mrs. Mary Lamb and Miss Minnie Barnes have just returned home from an extended visit to relatives in High Point.

Mr. O R Darr made a flying visit to Winston-Salem last week.

Messrs R F Darr and R K Williams have marketed a good many fine beaves from this place this season.

Pastor Jeff Lanning visited at R K Williams' Saturday night and filled his regular appointments Sunday.

There have been nine burials at Piney during the month of January.

Mr. Olen Davis, assistant teacher at Piney, has been confined to his room for the past week, sick of chicken-pox.

It has been said that more letters are mailed at Swift than any other post office on our route.

About every family in our neighborhood is a subscriber to The Dispatch. PAT MURPHY.

RANDOLPH COUNTY NEWS.

From the Courier.

Rev. H. S. B. Thompson of the M. P. church, was here Monday. He is pastor of the Brower circuit and has decided to make Asheboro headquarters.

John Hancock who lives in Grant township was cutting cross ties Saturday and his axe glanced and cut his foot more than half off; he is now resting very well.

Isaac Teague from Homp, Moore Co., was killed by the train near Randleman Monday evening. He was about 40 years old and has a family. He had recently moved there from Moore. Too much corn whiskey was the trouble, a bottle half full was by his side.

Rev. W. D. Reynolds and family, Missionaries to Korea, will spend a few days with their aunt Mrs. Dr. J. N. Bryant, at the home of Mr. W. T. Bryant, Randleman, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, after an absence of eight years in Korea, have spent the past year in America, and will sail for Korea in February.

Died, at the home of Frank Kearns, near Mechanic, this county, on Saturday, Jan. 25th, of pneumonia, after a week's illness, Mr. A. F. Rush, aged 84 years. The funeral took place on Saturday at Hopewell Friends church. Mr. Rush was a prominent citizen and was one of the old landmarks of Randolph county. He was a brother of Mr. Z. F. Rush, Sr., of Asheboro.

From the Argus.

The new hotel at Pinehurst has been completed and is rapidly being filled with northern guests.

A. M. Free showed us a wild turkey Tuesday which he had killed near Spero that morning. The turkey weighed 14 pounds and was killed at a distance of 70 yards.

The cases against a number of High Point merchants for selling cigarettes to minors has been set for next term Guilford Superior Court. The law restricting the sale of cigarettes to minors has been much abused. We venture to say the boy who buys cigarettes is not asked one time in ten if he is over sixteen years of age.

Pinson News.

Pinson, Jan. 30.—Mr. Wilson Hill and family visited at Mrs Hill's brother, Mr. L M Russell, last Sunday.

Your correspondent with the following gentlemen: Prof E F Thompson, W L Russell, Sr., and W L Russell, Jr., A Cranford, and two sons, E E and L A Cranford, Marcus Hill, Willie Slack, and P M Cranford and son, Charlie Cranford, went a rabbit hunting last Saturday killing 16 rabbits and 6 birds.

Messrs E F Thompson and W L Russell, Sr., attended preaching at Elliotts Grove last Sunday evening.

Mrs S R Coggins died on last Sunday and was buried on Monday at the home grave-yard.

Messrs L M and G W Russell went to Asheboro and other points on Deep river with their cotton last week.

Misses Mirac and Liney Cranford, of Montgomery county, is spending some days this week with their brother, Mr J W Cranford, of this place.

Mrs McCain Hill is confined to her bed with consumption, we are sorry to write.

Mr W S Davis went to Gold Hill one day last week on business.

Mr H L Lomax is spending the winter months at work at Concord.

The public school at Cornith is doing fine this winter under control of E F Thompson, of Lilac. He is a good teacher. PRO.

FOR SALE.

One phonograph with 5 dozen records. Edison's improved 1901 machine and records. All in good condition.

W. LEE HARRIS, Lexington, N. C.