

TOWN TOPICS.

Items of Interest Culled by the Local Pencil Pusher.

Hot weather, this. Rain is badly needed. Hunting's Circus is coming. Don't forget Hunting's Circus on Oct. 21st.

Oct. 21st is the day for the big show—it's Hunting's Circus. Mr. Lewis Kerr, of Gastonia, spent yesterday in Lincolnton.

Mr. T. L. Craig, of Gastonia, was in town yesterday. S. G. Finley Esq. made a business trip to Charlotte yesterday.

Mrs. Geo. Randall, of Shelby, is visiting relatives in Lincolnton. Prof. Holmes, State Geologist, was in town Wednesday.

Hunting's Circus will be here October 21st. A protracted meeting is in progress in the Episcopal church.

We want to do your job printing. Satisfaction guaranteed. Miss Bessie Johnston, of Bethel, S. C., visited relatives here this week.

Mr. Jno. N. Hausa left Monday for Peabody Institute, Nashville, Tenn. Judge Samuel Lumpkin of the Supreme Court of Georgia, was in town this week.

Preaching at Paper Mill Academy next Sunday (5th Sunday) 3 o'clock. Farmer friends send us the news of importance from your section. We want several good correspondents.

A call meeting of the Lincoln Branch of North Carolina Fire Insurance Co., will be held on Oct. 5th, 1895. Beginning on next Monday night the Methodists of Lincolnton will hold a protracted meeting in their church.

Dr. I. H. Taylor passed through Lincolnton from Blowing Rock on his way to Gastonia, N. C., where he will be located during the winter.

Mr. Espy Hinson, of Chester, S. C., who has been spending some time in Lincolnton left Monday for his home. September of 1895 has been the hottest September we have had during the past fourteen years. It has certainly been a scorcher!

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everything and everybody. Besides a newspaper man is not a walking encyclopedia anyway.

The sixth annual fair of the Burke county Fair Association will be held on Oct. 15, 16, and 17 1895, at Morganton. We acknowledge receipt of complimentary ticket for which we return thanks and will try to be on hand.

Mr. R. R. Porter, of Asheville was in Lincolnton yesterday. Mr. Porter says Asheville is now on a steady growth and will soon be "the" city of North Carolina. He says \$500,000 worth of buildings are in course of construction in Asheville.

We are not a chronic kicker, nor have we come here to raise war with any one, but we do think that the town authorities ought to put some lights on Main street so that strangers will not break their necks when they stumble over the many different porches on that street. Put up lights; we want to see "where we are at"

Mr. W. F. Lyles, of Rutherfordton, was in town yesterday. Mr. Lyles is a member of the Rutherfordton Broom Co., and is traveling in the interest of his company. "Frank" is an "old time" acquaintance of this "pencil-pusher" and we were glad to see him and hear of his success. He says he is making a good thing out of the Broom Factory.

On Monday of last week, Jones Fowler, who lives in Lincoln County, resisted an officer who went to arrest him for some offense. His mother and sister came to his rescue with hatchets, clubs, &c., who beat up the officer pretty badly. He returned to Lincolnton and, in company with the sheriff and others, he went and arrested the whole family, with the exception of Jones, who made his escape. These people moved from Caldwell county to Lincoln and it will be sure that they are being heard from.—Lenoir Topic.

The Catawba Silver Convention.

Last Saturday, according to a call previously issued by Democrats, Populists, and Republicans, a non-partisan Silver Convention was held at Newton. There was not a very large attendance. Maj. S. M. Finger, Hon. M. O. Sherrill, Congressman Shuford and others spoke. The Delegates elected to Raleigh were mostly Populists. We notice that Jas. H. Sherrill and Congressman Shuford were the only attendants on the State-Convention from this County.

Boycotting Democrats in Wayne.

Because the principals of the Mt. Olive and Pikeville schools voted the Democratic ticket at the recent election, the Populist patrons of both schools have withdrawn their children, informing the principals that hereafter they must look for their support from the Democrats. We are also informed that they are treating their pastors who voted the Democratic ticket, in like manner and are actually withholding the amounts pledged to their support.—Goldsboro Headlight.

Sunday School Festival at Bethpage.

There will be (D. V.) a Sunday School festival held at Bethpage Evangelical Lutheran church Oct. 4-6, 1895. We give here a partial program of the exercises: Friday Oct. 4th, 10.30 a. m., Opening Sermon. Afternoon Address, Sunday Schools, Rev. J. F. Moeser. General Discussion, Queries. Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a. m., Address, The Model Sunday School, J. L. Cromer. 11 a. m., Special Sermon, Rev. J. F. Moeser. Afternoon Address, Christain Giving an Important Factor in Sunday School Instruction, E. J. Fox. General Discussion, Queries. On Sunday at 10 o'clock there will be a sermon after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

J. C. WESSINGER. Ross C. Van Bokken, Teller of the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company, of Chicago, is missing, so is \$33,000 of the company's money.

WALKE—GRAHAM.

Mr. Casper Walke, of Richmond, Va., Marries one of Lincoln's Fair Belles.

One of the prettiest weddings ever witnessed in Lincoln County was that of Miss Sudis Graham, daughter of Major and Mrs. W. A. Graham, and Mr. Casper Walke, of Richmond, Va., which took place at "Forest Home", the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday at high noon.

The house was beautifully decorated with wild flowers and evergreens. The parlor, where the marriage was to take place, was profusely decorated in white and green and the room opposite, a large sitting-room, where the wedding presents were displayed, was beautiful in its garb of golden-rod and ferns. Promptly at twelve o'clock the notes of the wedding march sounded and Misses Carrie and Bettie Graham entered the parlor followed by Miss Florri and Mr. W. A. Graham Jr. Next came Mrs. Graham with the groom then came the bride on the arm of her father. The Rev. Dr. Pritchard of Charlotte performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner and after the congratulations were given the folding doors leading to the dining-room were thrown open, where a delightful lunch was served. The bride looked unusually pretty in a handsome gown of white silk with chiffon and satin ribbon trimming.

The presents were handsome and too numerous to mention. Mr. and Mrs. Walke left on the 7 o'clock train for a Northern trip, amid showers of rice and old shoes, with the good wishes of their many friends who were fortunate enough to be present on the occasion.

Lincolnton was represented by Mrs. R. S. Reinhardt, Mrs. Finch, Miss Bessie Johnston, Mrs. J. H. Arrington, Miss Crouse, Miss May Davidson, Miss Eva Sumner, Messrs. S. G. Finley, B. A. Justice, E. W. Ward, Jr., Dr. J. W. Saine and Col. W. L. Davidson.

Howard's Creek News.

Mr. Tillman, the miller at Reepsville, is confined to his bed with fever.

Mrs. Joe Jetton and daughter Miss Kate visited Mrs. J. B. Martin at Conover, Catawba Co., last week.

Dr. W. C. Kiser, of Reepsville, has just completed a large kiln of brick. It is rumored that Reepsville is to have a new store house soon.

Mrs. Boyce Payseur, while sweeping her house last week, found two large copperheads behind a trunk. They were killed.

The wife of our popular ex-Register of Deeds, Mr. B. C. Wood, is quite sick with fever. Her little daughter, Katie, is also sick.

Daniels Lutheran Sunday School closed last Saturday, Sept. 21.

The editor of the DEMOCRAT spent Sunday with his parents near Daniels Church.

Reepsville has a flourishing school conducted by Miss Sallie Wilson.

Messrs. D. A. Coon and O. B. Saine will attend the 73rd annual Convention of the Tean. Synod of the Lutheran Church, which meets at Hickory, N. C., on Saturday, Sept. 27, 1895.

Machpelah Items.

MISSRS. EDITORS: Thinking you would like to hear from this part of the County, I send you what news I have hurriedly culled.

The farmers are busy picking out their cotton which they think about a half crop. The excessive heat causes the picking to be slow, and no one will be able to keep up with his crop as fast as it opens unless they procure additional help.

The health of the neighborhood has been unusually good until a week or so ago. Miss Nellie Mundy has fever, but hear to day she is improving. I hear of several more sick persons in the neighborhood, but hope we are not to be afflicted with an epidemic of Typhoid fever.

Rev. Mr. Littiker, the Methodist Minister on East Lincoln Circuit, is conducting a protracted meeting at New Hope Methodist Church. Much interest is being manifested and we believe many good will be accomplished. Mr. Littiker, though a

young man, seems to be the right piece and may have built up the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant in my prayer.

Wishing the DEMOCRAT much success and with a hope that it may be what we have long needed, a least a Democratic paper, I am, Respectfully, Yours, Asleep in Jesus.

Little Georgia May.

Little Georgia May, infant daughter of J. P. and M. E. Killian, fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 11th 1895. The agent that the rider of pale horse used to transfer this little rose from earth to heaven, was Cholera Infantum, or inflammation of the bowels. Little Georgia May lived but a short while after she was taken sick, so short was the notice that so medical aid could be had. These sweet heavenly roses when transplanted beyond the skies, have escaped all the sorrows, trials, troubles, tribulations and persecutions of this present evil world. Why then should we weep and lament at the Lord's taking them! Jesus has a better home than earth or earthly parents can afford them. Georgia May was buried in the family grave yard at Bethel M. E. Church, near the famous Rock Springs Camp Ground. This is the fifth child these stricken parents have laid to rest, all being interred at Bethel. All those children died in infancy when they were fit subjects for the Master's use who said, "suffer little children to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." The first that died was Ellen, then Henry, Eunice and Cora, and finally Georgia May went to join them. Surely she will not want for company in the glory. Father, mother, cheer up! you "have an interest in heaven." Bid the little ones a short farewell for few will be the years till you shall see them again. Every setting sun brings us all that much nearer home. L. A. ABERNETHY.

County Directory.

MEMBER OF LEGISLATURE: J. F. Reinhardt, Reinhardts.

COUNTY OFFICERS: C. H. Rhoads, Sheriff; G. A. Barkley, Clerk of Court; Jacob F. Killian, Register of Deeds; D. L. Yount, Treasurer; J. Thos. McLean, Coroner; O. C. Thompson, Surveyor, Hulls X Roads.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: H. E. Ramsaur, Chairman, Lincolnton; D. A. Coon, Reepsville; W. L. Baker Hulls X Roads; J. E. Reinhardt, Iron Station; P. A. Thompson, Denver.

COUNTY EXAMINER: L. A. Abernethy, Machpelah.

TOWN DIRECTORY: S. W. McKee, Mayor, Lincolnton; Miss Eva G. Sumner Postmaster; S. K. Cline, Chief of Police, Lincolnton.

"Such advance as we are making in cotton manufacture is all at the South. Northern mills consumed the same amount of cotton in the last crop-year which they did seven years ago, or about 2,000,000 bales. The South has doubled. It had consumed 50,000 bales then. It consumes 1,000,000 bales a year now. This is certain to continue. It is true that fine yarns are spun at the North, coarse at the South but this will not be long. For seven years all the growth of this industry is at the South, and as the market for coarse yarns is filled fine yarns will be spun. Nowhere else are coal and cotton side by side, and ten or fifteen years from now will see the South doing the manufacturing of the world in cotton, rivaled by India, China and Japan. A terrible liquidation is before Manchester.—Philadelphia Press.

Facts Concerning Coin.

The coins which are in use by the United States Government are of practically the same denomination today that they were a hundred years ago, says the New York Recorder. There have been a few additions, but most of the experiments—such as the coinage of three cent pieces and twenty-cent pieces—proved failures and have been discontinued.

The gold coins which have been coined at different times by the United States Government are the double eagle, or \$20 pieces; the eagle, or \$10 piece; the half eagle, or \$5 piece; the \$3 piece, the quarter eagle or \$2.50 piece and the dollar. These coins are all 900 parts in 1,000 are pure metal, the

other 100 parts being alloy. The weight of a double eagle is 516 grains. Its coinage was authorized on March 3, 1849. Since then there have been more of them coined than of any other gold piece issued by the Government. It is used largely by bankers and forms the chief coin of the large sums which change hands at the United States Sub Treasury, and is paid for bonds, while the interest on the bonds is paid again in them. In spite of the fact that there are so many of them in existence, they are not often met with by the average person according to Golden Days.

The coinage of the eagle was authorized by the act of April 2, 1792. The weight was at first established by law at 270 grains, but changed forty two years afterward by law to 258 grains, where it has remained ever since.

At first its fineness was greater than that of any other gold coin, being 916.23; but this was changed to conform with the standard. The same act which authorized that of the half eagle and the quarter eagle.

At the same time that the largest of the gold coins was created, the smallest was also authorized—the gold dollar; it weighs 25.8 grains. Their coinage was abandoned in 1890.

The last coin to come into use was the \$3 piece, which was established by the act of February 21, 1853. Its weight and fineness are of the normal standard. None of them were made after 1890.

The first silver coins were struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1764. They were dollars, half dollars and half dimes. But 1,758 dollars, 10,600 half-dollars, and still less half-dimes were made, and they were intended more for curiosities than for any practical use as money. In the succeeding year the issue was 203,033 dollars, 322,038 half-dollars, no quarters, no dimes, and 86,418 half-dimes.

In 1786 the Mint coined only 72,920 dollars and 3,918 half dollars, with 2,948 quarters. Dollars only were coined in 1798. In 1796 the head of Liberty was changed, and a new head, not as good looking as the other, was substituted. This also had flowing locks, but they were bound by a fillet, from which they gained the name of "fillet dollars." The fillet series had a heraldic eagle on the reverse.

According to the records there were coined of the famous 1804 dollar 19,570, while of halves 156,519 were issued, and 6,738 quarters. There are but seven or eight of the dollars of 1804 known to exist. It is claimed that there are others, but it is pretty generally admitted that they are counterfeits. Even those that are apparently genuine are said to have been surreptitiously stricken off at a later date. The value of a genuine 1804 dollar is enormous, as much as \$1,000 having been offered in vain for one by numismatists.

The first dollar pieces contained 416 grains of silver, and was maintained until 1873, when the quantity of silver was slightly reduced, while the fineness was made greater.—Courier Journal.

LINCOLN MARKET.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Cotton, Wheat per bu., Corn, Meal, Flour patent, 100 lbs., Pork per lb., Bacon sides, N. C., Bacon Hams, Beef per lb. round, Lard, N C per lb, Tallow, Chickens, Butter, Honey, Eggs, Hides, green, Wool, washed per lb., Cabbage, Apples, dried, Peaches, dried, Apples green, Peaches green, Sweet potatoes, Onions, Onion sets, Blackberries, dried, Beeswax.

We learn that a company with a capital of \$300,000 has been formed to manufacture the Universal Tobacco Steaming Machine. It is said to be a perfect machine, and of course will revolutionize tobacco manufacture.—Ex.

The Third Term Agony.

The Washington Post is disgusted with all the rot in many of the papers regarding the fearful probability that President Cleveland will attempt to get a third term. It points out that he could not very well make a house to house canvass denying the rumor by word of mouth, nor should he be expected to strike a Spartan attitude and reject with indignation what has not been offered him. The Post furthermore says: "And yet, all this time, Mr. Cleveland has declared himself in the most emphatic terms and through the most trustworthy and responsible medium. Weeks ago the Washington Post stated that Mr. Cleveland did not desire a fourth nomination, and would not permit his name to be proposed to the convention of 1896. The Washington Post is not in the habit of speaking at random in such matters. Its utterances are authoritative."

True. The Post has earned the right by its great carefulness and accuracy covering a long period of time to boast that its utterances are authoritative. It should even convince Senator Gray, of Delaware, who appears to have lost his head for once, and, if reports be correct, is advocating a third term.

The freshest lie on this third term business is that which Gen. James H. Wilson, a well-known Republican of Delaware, has given legs to it by talking to a New York Herald reporter in New York the other day. He expressed the opinion that Senator Gray's reason for favoring a third term for Cleveland was that he had just come from England, where he had doubtless seen and talked to Ambassador Bayard about the matter, and both had agreed to give the President their support for a third term. The Post's denial will cover all reports, both in the past and henceforth. Give us a rest.—Charlotte Observer.

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