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Salisbury Pencilings.

If any of our subscribers fails to receive his paper, he will confer a favor by reporting the same.

Cotton brought 7 35 today. Miss Annie Wiley is visiting in Charlotte.

C. B. Miller, of Concord, is in the city today.

J. R. Caldwell, of Concord, was in the city today.

Dr. R. Adams, of Statesville, was in the city this morning.

H. S. Radcliffe, of Lexington, spent last night in the city.

Dr. Clement, of Mocksville, passed through the city last night.

M. L. Jackson is having a new refrigerator placed in his market.

The Central and Mount Vernon hotels were both crowded yesterday.

R. J. McPherson, of Charlotte registered at the Central last night.

Mrs. L. Mangum, of Chapel Hill, is visiting her brother, W. H. Overman.

Dr. Archie, of Concord, who has been attending court, returned home last night.

S. H. Harry has been confined to his room for several days on account of sickness.

Sam Nash has returned from Stanley county where he had been visiting for some time.

Mr. Frank Hargrave, of Lexington, passed through this morning on his way to Mocksville.

W. R. Clement, of Mocksville, spent last night in the city and returned home this morning.

H. A. Chapel, of the Raleigh News and Observer, gave us a pleasant call this morning. He is in the city today in the interest of that paper.

Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, passed through the city last night returning from Asheville, where he had been attending the park association.

A negro by the name of Ad Holt, a southerner, was in the city yesterday, and while on his way back to Spencer, he had the misfortune to fall off the train and painfully hurt himself on the head. We learn that he was intoxicated.

The three negroes in this city who were discovered to have smallpox last Wednesday and were taken to the pest-house, are each nursing a well developed case of the disease. The negroes are strangers here and refuse to give any account of themselves. There is also a case of smallpox, a white woman, near the north limits of the city. Rigid quarantine is being enforced.

A Romantic Marriage.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, Mr. M. L. Thorn, of Buena Vista, Minn., was married to Mrs. Elmira Goodnight, of Rowan county, N. C.

This is the expected romantic marriage which THE INDEX mentioned last week, in which the usual order of things was reversed and in which the bride went in quest of a husband.

Sam Eryin, the second best man in the wedding, for the hand of Mrs. Goodnight, went as far as St. Paul with the prospective bride, and witnessed the marriage ceremony. Mr. Ervin stated to a reporter here last night that Mr. Thorn was a prosperous business man at Buena Vista.

Mrs. Thorn has many friends in this county, who wish for her a long and happy life.

Went to Kentucky.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd, who was at one time pastor of the Church street Methodist church in this city, has gone to Owensboro, Ky., where he will be stationed in the future. Dr. Byrd, who has been located at Asheville until recently he has a host of friends throughout North Carolina, all of whom extend their best wishes to him wherever he may go.

EDWARDS AND CARR ON TRIAL

In The Superior Court Charged With The Murder of Policeman Kerns.

The trial of Tom Carr and Will Edwards, the defendants in the Concord murder case, was taken up the first thing yesterday afternoon. Col. Paul B. Means, of Concord, who, with L. S. Overman, represents Edwards, moved for a continuance as to his client, alleging that he had been prevented from executing the order of the court, authorizing him to have Robert Richardson, who was in company with the two defendants at the time of the slaying, taken to the scene where the shooting took place, to be examined in behalf of Edwards. Notice had been duly served, he said, on both the solicitor and W. G. Means, counsel for the State. He had not been able to hold the examination on the 20th inst. An attempt to do so on the 21st was frustrated by L. T. Hartsell, Richardson's counsel, and W. G. Means, who advised the prisoner not to testify. Both of these gentlemen, corroborated by the mayor of Concord, W. G. Means, denied this stating that they had only told Richardson that he need not testify, unless he wished to. Richardson has not been indicted and is subpoenaed as a State's witness. Col. Means motion was refused. Messrs. A. H. Price and John S. Henderson moved for a severance, as they believed the line of defence of their client, Carr, to be utterly incompatible with that of Edwards. This also was refused, when the next matter in order was to select a jury, which was done with edifying promptness, though the veniremen had to be acceptable to three sets, namely, the State, Carr and Edwards all hostile each to each. On motion of Col. Means, all witnesses were excluded from the room until called to testify. Dr. L. M. Archey and T. R. Penninger were put on the stand by the State. Edwards introduced Mr. Gowan Dusenberry and chief of police J. F. Harris, all the witnesses, of course, from Concord. The evidence of Dr. Archey and Penninger only seemed to be of any consequence. Dr. Archey testified, in substance, that on being called at about a quarter of 12 o'clock of the night in question, he had gone immediately to the place of the shooting. He found Kerns lying with his head slightly toward the Southern Railway depot, his feet to the road. He was on his back, but had evidently been turned over by some one before the doctor's arrival. No beating of the heart could be detected. The bullet passed between the sixth and the seventh ribs and must have gone through the heart. The witness did not probe for the bullet nor hold any regular post mortem examination, as it was not necessary. The direction of the ball was from right to left at an angle of about 45 degrees. The shooter was on the deceased's right hand if he held the pistol in line with his body and the range must have been close, as the deceased's shirt bore powder marks. The bullet passed about 1/4 of an inch to the left of the breast bone on first entering the body and from the looks of the wound was of 32 or 38 calibre.

T. R. Penninger, a foreman at the Odell mill, said that Carr and Edwards had come in Jim Walter's store, near the depot and the scene of the shooting, shortly before 12 o'clock and each made a purchase. Edwards had a slight dispute with witness. He and Carr went in the direction of the depot, going down the right hand sidewalk. There was a third party with them who had remained outside the store and who was presumably Richardson. One or more of them were cursing boisterously as they left the store. The place closed up after their leaving. About two minutes later as witness was standing in front of the store, he heard about six shots. It was about 15 minutes after hearing the shots that he reached the scene, going first to the depot

and on from there when informed of the homicide. The time of the court was occupied to-day with the further examination of the State's witnesses and it is possible that the case may not go the jury until tomorrow night.

Thanks. The merchants of Salisbury have placed the ladies of the Lutheran church under many lasting obligations for the premiums, fruits, confectionaries, etc., donated to the Floral Art exhibit which closed Wednesday night. This opportunity is taken to return thanks to all those merchants. The presents were both beautiful and valuable, and by their variety and selection, evidenced the good taste and kindness of the donors. Without this helpfulness the exhibit could not have been a success. The ladies desire to put on record these kind acts of the Salisbury merchants, and solicit for all who have contributed the trade of the purchasing public. The following merchants donated articles: C. M. & H. M. Brown, pair shoes. Plummer Drug Store, lamp. Finger & Anthony, set fruit knives. House, Stoudemire & Co., beautiful picture. Smithdeal Hardware Co., pair fine shears. E. W. Burt & Co., pair shoes. A Friend, bottle cologne. Harry Bros., silk umbrella. G. W. Wright, lady's rocker. Brown Clothing Co., dress suit case. Reiser Jewelry Co., silver tray. Salisbury Hardware and Furniture Co., pair jardiniere. Leon E. Seay, half dozen photographs. E. Cuthrell, box of fancy stationery. Klutz Drug Co., perfume bottle.

In addition to the above, the following merchants and friends contributed fruits, confectionaries, etc.: Lichtenstein & Teiser, A. W. Winecoff, John M. Brady, J. M. Peeler, L. E. Heilig, Mrs. John Shuman, H. A. Bernhardt, T. M. McCulloch, D. M. Miller, W. H. Huff, Mrs. George Fink, Smoot Bros., & Rogers, N. R. Murphy, J. K. Link. All who in any wise contributed to the success of the exhibit have the thanks of the ladies. A few typographical errors occurred which we wish to correct: Mrs. John Whitehead's premium was a pair of shears; Mrs. Charles Price should have been credited with fine specimens of chrysanthemums instead of roses. The proceeds of the exhibit amounted to nearly \$110.

COMMITTEE. A Sam Minstrel. There were a few good features in Field & Hanson's minstrels which were here last night—a very few—but the bad features predominated to a distressingly monotonous extent. This minstrel has been here before and any of its previous performances were far superior to that of last night. The extreme freshness and affectation of "Prof." Field on the stage was disgusting. The jokes were in the main either smutty or bewhiskered with antiquity; the costumes were only passably ordinary and the orchestra seemed to have a bad cold. The quartette was one of the really good features of the minstrel and frequently relieved what was otherwise a very flat minstrel show. W. J. Moore, the well known photographer, has arrived in Salisbury with his car and outfit, and is located on the side track near the old freight depot. He does the best work at cheapest rates. Call on him: Lookout for special inducements in photographs at the Dixie Studio. They will interest you. We are not too busy to write an ad, but simply too lazy, but we have plenty of every stylish Hair Cuts still on hand. Call and get one at the Eclipse. U. R. next at the Eclipse. Once you call you come again.

Chestnut Hill News.

Chestnut Hill will soon have a hotel.

W. A. Roger, of Davie county, is in the village today.

J. M. Knox has just completed two nice 6-room cottages.

W. H. Stonestreet, of Mocksville, is on the hill today.

John Misenheimer and his cousin Charlie went to Rockwell this morning.

Lumber and other material are being placed on the grounds for William Burk's new residence.

K. J. Davis, present superintendent of the Wicasset mill, will leave soon to accept the superintendency of the Wayne mill at Goldsboro. Mr. Davis is a true type of a gentleman, is a good manager, in his special line of business, and applies himself closely to his work. We regret that Albemarle is to lose him, but wish him well wherever he may go.—Stable Enterprise.

Mr. Davis is known to many of our people, as a number of them have worked with him.

Where is Axley? A dispatch of yesterday from Statesville: "C. H. H. S. Harkins, of Asheville, arrived here last night in response to a telegram calling him to examine the office of Felix J. Axley, stamp deputy. Mr. Axley left here last Friday for Charlotte and was last seen there. Since then nothing has been heard from him. P. C. Carlton kept his office open for him until Tuesday, but was then notified to close it and await an examination. It is not yet known whether there is a shortage, but speculation is rife here today."

A Fortunate Selection. The stockholders of the Carolina Northern Railroad have secured the services of C. McNeely, of Salisbury, as general superintendent. Mr. McNeely will be here on December 1st to assume charge of the road, and direct the work.

As stated above the selection is a fortunate one. Mr. McNeely is a thoroughly competent and aggressive railroad man and is familiar with every branch of the work. While not yet 35 years of age he has been in the railroad service for 20 years and has worked his way from the ground up. He was partially trained by the prince of railroad men, Capt. V. E. McBeck, and has shown ability and competence in every position which he has filled. He has filled positions of trust on the Western North Carolina railroad, on the Central Railroad of Georgia, and probably others. He was president of the Hendersonville & Brevard Railroad and when a receiver was asked for was appointed to that position and managed the business to the satisfaction of all parties.

In addition to being an active, aggressive and progressive railroad man Mr. McNeely is a gentleman of high character and most excellent family. Lumberton will gain a valuable citizen.

Bride and Groom Arrive. Mr. and Mrs. Cline, of Cannon, arrived in the city last night to visit Misses Sloan and Short. Mrs. Cline is a cousin of Miss Sloan.

Norfolk select coopers at Jackson's market daily.

Go to Jackson's market for nice meats.

FOR SALE—A Plate with instruction book. Apply to THE INDEX office.

All port sausages at Jackson's. Try them.

D. W. Seider has a good horse for sale. Can be seen at James' stable.

Go to Wright's Furniture Store for nice Xmas presents.

Norfolk oysters received daily at Jackson's market.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C. will be in Salisbury at Central Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 14th for a day only. His practice is limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

CONFERENCE AT CONCORD.

Proceedings of Second Day of Western N. C. Conference.

The following special to the Raleigh Post gives the proceedings of the second day's session of the Western North Carolina Conference which met in Concord Wednesday:

Conference opened this morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop Key in the chair, Rev. J. W. Crawford, D. D., editor of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, conducted the opening devotional exercises, reading selections from the first chapter of Philipians.

The minutes were read by Secretary Sherrill and found correct.

The secretary called the roll, and nearly all who failed to answer at the opening session yesterday were present.

Rev. Frank H. Wood, D. D., presented a report from Trinity high school, which was referred.

Question 7 was called and L. P. Bogle, Victor H. Marsh, O. P. Ader, J. P. Davis and Benjamin F. Carpenter, having completed the course of study and passed the usual examination of character, were advanced to the class of the second year. J. H. Huggins and of Missouri, and G. W. Crutchfield, W. A. Merrill and J. S. Ragland, of the Kentucky conference, were announced as transfers.

A committee, consisting of M. A. Smith, J. P. Shelly and W. S. Cherry, was appointed to consider complaints against J. A. Green, of Caldwell county.

Question 8 was taken up and J. A. Baldwin, Harold Turner and L. P. Bogle were advanced to the class of the third year and elected to deacons' orders.

Rev. Charles F. Sherrill was elected president of the Conference. Historical Society, and J. R. Sargis, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Bogle's orders as a local elder of the Methodist Protestant church were recognized by a vote of the conference.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Pritchett, missionary secretary, was introduced by Bishop Key and made an earnest and eloquent plea for liberality and activity in missionary work.

Report of Belwood Institute and Brevard Epworth schools were read and referred.

Question 20 was called and W. L. Nicholson, George J. Owen, Gilbert T. Rouse, Charles A. Wood and George H. Kirby were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

L. H. Triplett, W. C. Merrill and E. N. Crowder were continued in the class of third year.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by "Father" Carraway.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock Dr. J. J. Tigert, book editor, of Nashville, preached an able sermon. Tonight the Sunday School anniversary was held and a magnificent address was delivered by James Atkins, Sunday School editor. Rev. A. R. Sarraut also preached at the same hour in Epworth Church.

Help The Orphaned Thanksgiving. At a regular meeting of Concord Lodge, No. 268, I. O. O. F., it was ordered that a committee be appointed for the purpose of soliciting and receiving money, food and clothing for the benefit of the orphaned of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home, located at Goldsboro.

The committee has made a commendable effort and we hope will meet the approval of all good people in a substantial way. Those who give unto the fatherless and widow give unto the Lord.

R. M. Leonard, A. O. Stewart, J. J. Stewart, Jacob Feldman, G. W. Reed, Committee.

Get the best sight for nice Xmas presents—has the nicest lot of Rocking Chairs and other presents that has ever been in Salisbury.

The biggest bargains are to be found at E. J. Holmer's closing out sale. Everything sold strictly at cost.

The Directions in Which Prison Reform Must Move.

As Dr. Hufham has pointed out, all too little thought has been given to the conduct of our penal system; not only North Carolina, but all the South is indifferent upon the subject, and other States as well. In North Carolina the most discussed problem has been that of making the Penitentiary pay its expenses, and it is not too much to say that this question has obscured all the others. Of a truth the Penitentiary ought to pay expenses; but by no means is that the main object of its existence.

It is constitutionally a penal institution, an institution for punishing by executing the penalties of the law. It is indirectly an institution for the protection of the people, both by the moral effect of its very existence and by the act of imprisoning evil doers.

Both its constitutional object and its indirect object may be fully conserved with out cruelty. A strict discipline is essential, to absolute obedience, without which nothing can be done; hard labor, limited labor, limited liberty, subjection to responsible power, is the ordinary lot of the convicts. If a convict works willingly, and he is entitled to kindly treatment, the punishments of the law are hard labor and confinement in prison; these accepted, any other is undue.

But there is another consideration: The convict may not ask it, but Christian churches owe him the Gospel. Whether the penitentiary has any organic purpose for reformation or not, is not the question; the churches have, and the institution can be made to have such a purpose. For this reason, were there no other, it becomes a Christian people to be interested in this subject.

A better day in the history of our convict system will dawn if our people will give thought along these lines. So far as we can see, the movement forward must proceed in at least three directions: First, to take the prison out of the hands of the politicians; second, to preach the Gospel wherever there are convicts; and, the Board of Charities and Corrections, with its representatives throughout the State, already in the habit of inspecting both the State prison and the county work-houses, should be reinforced in respect of means, for authority and agency.

The work of the men and women at Raleigh, who have for many years conducted a happy Sunday school in the central prison, is worthy of the emulation of the communities in reach of the convict-camps and the State farms; and, possibly, mission boards could do no wiser act than to provide for the preaching of the Gospel at these farms and camps. The preaching at the State prison and on the farms—to what extent we do not know—will bear, at any rate, any amount of reinforcement.

We are inclined to think our people are ready for a movement along these lines; and we think it is clear that such a movement will accomplish all that can be desired. Abolish the spoils system, and we may be a thousand fold more sure of fit and worthy men; reinforce our inspection organization; and investigation will become so close and thorough that it will be impossible to fill the public atmosphere with confusing cries; quicken the conscience of the churches, and they will do the will of God by these means.

The most difficult task will be to rescue the prison from the spoils-men. They have gotten millions of dollars through it. They have thrown away thousands and thousands upon incompetent men who "served the party." It is one of the best refuges our State offers for party workers. It will be difficult to get any political party to reform. But the war is over. Any political reform that stops short of this is vain. Let no one whose heart really beats for the convicts, for humanity, and for the honor of our State, dare to stop short of this—Biblical Recorder.

THE WEATHER. The weather forecast: Fair to-night and colder to-morrow.

Volcanic Eruptions. Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Beckler's Remedial Salve cures them, also Old, Banning and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Blisters, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chills, etc. Best Pills cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Theo. F. Klutz & Co., Druggist.

Look out for special inducements in photographs at the Dixie Studio. They will interest you.

THE STATE'S SURVEY.

The Latest State News Called From Our Exchanges.

Millionsaire George J. Gould, of Lakewood, N. J., has leased fifty-three tracts of land in High Point and Jamestown townships for hunting purposes. They comprise 9,181 acres and the leases are for terms of three and five years. The leases were in the register of deeds' office a few days ago and the work of recording them is a considerable task. We understand that Mr. Gould's agent is now engaged in leasing other land in the same section.—Greensboro Patriot.

Early last Friday morning the body of Albert Hull, a white man, was found in an old field in Monroe township, near the house of Henry Watlington, colored. It was impossible to tell how long he had been dead, though he probably died during the previous night. W. A. Heath, Esq., and a number of other gentlemen examined the body, and finding nothing to indicate foul play, deemed it unnecessary to have an inquest held. Hull had been on a protracted spree and this is supposed to have caused his death. The body was buried at the county home Saturday morning. The deceased was an Irishman and fifty-five years old. He had lived in the community about five years, having been employed on various farms. When under the influence of liquor he was a steady and industrious man. He had only recently finished serving a sentence on the county roads for larceny committed while on a spree. Nothing is known of the dead man's relatives or his life before coming to this county.—Greensboro Patriot.

The University has more students than any southern university north of Texas and is reaching the whole people as it has never done before. During the past two years it has looked with security and interest nearly six thousand dollars from the State funds, thereby aiding many needy students. Over one-third of the students are the sons of farmers, which shows that it too is the school of the farmer as fits an agricultural state. Two-thirds of the number of students are at the university as the result of some sacrifice. Nearly one-third are supporting themselves by money which they have earned or borrowed. So strong is the self-help that seventy-nine students are supporting themselves by labor while in college, earning this half term about three thousand dollars. It is no exaggeration to say that the university by its loan fund, scholarships and opportunity for labor makes it possible for any worthy boy, however poor, to obtain in North Carolina as good an education as rich boys are getting elsewhere.—University Record.

Go to W. O. Laughlin's market at Spencer, below Bobbitt's store, for fresh beef-steak, porksteak and nice sausage.

Did it ever occur to you that playing upon a piano out of tune is as ruinous to the musical ear as "nutments" the ear? Ask those who know and they'll tell you the truth. And the ear can't tell either the piano can. Get G. Kirkman to tune it for you.

ECONOMY AT THE WRONG PLACE. What man would be fool enough to pay three or four hundred dollars for a fine horse and then allow himself to die to save expense of feeding. Yet your plans are much and the saving of a few dollars in feeding will shorten his life of usefulness several years. Have him regulated regularly by W. H. Kirkman, Salisbury, N. C.

Advertiser's Take Notice. Owing to the fact that many of our customers may want to change their advertisements the same day and as it is likely to delay the paper, we must ask advertisements to be governed by the following notice in every instance: This advertising column of THE INDEX, who desire their advertisements changed should be sent to us three days before the date of the issue, to insure an insertion the same day.