

Salisbury Pencilings.

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

Cotton brought to 7 62½ today.
B. E. Moody, of Charlotte, is in the city.
J. L. Lutter, of Hickory, is in the city today.
C. H. Solomon, of Charlotte, is in the city today.
A. H. Boyden went up the Western this morning.
For cedar posts and dry wood, go to Sloan's wood yard.
Thomas J. Jones, of Monroe, spent last night in the city.
Crawford Holzhauser, of Rockwell, is in the city today.
Mrs. N. B. McCanless went to Gold Hill this morning.
W. H. Watkins, Jr., of Greensboro, is in the city today on business.
Capt. J. M. Odell, of Concord, went through the city this morning.
300 convicts, it is said, will be available for railroad work next month.
N. Itner, of Atlanta, spent last night in the city registered at the Central.
J. E. Hennessee, who is at Newman hospital, is getting along nicely, his friends will be glad to learn.
The State Association of City School Superintendents will hold its annual session in Raleigh, December 27-28.
Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, has gone to New York to spend some time visiting the various hospitals. He will return about Christmas.
Otho Wilson is probably waiting to lean how the Supreme Court will decide in his case before he brings his suit. Lookout for a suit soon.
Capt. Lichtenstein has received the following telegram:
"Impossible to grant request. Do your best for Saturday."
F. P. HOGWOOD

New arrival of the latest styles and colors in the celebrated Knox hats. We have exclusive sale of them.
Smoot Bros. & Rogers.
Attend the Meeting To-night.
Let every member of the Rowan Rifles meet at the armory to-night at 7:45, special drill night, other important business to attend to. Let every member be present to-night.
LOUIS LICHTENSTEIN, Captain.

We sell nothing but absolutely HIGH CLASS MERCHANDISE. If you are looking for nice things for Christmas, our store is the place to get them.
Smoot Bros. & Rogers.

Quits the Road.
Mr. "Dug" Myers, who has been firing on the main line on the Southern, has given up his job and will return to the cotton mill business. Mr. Myers contemplates going to Greensboro.

Salisbury Boys at School.
Quite a number of our boys are attending Bingham School at Mebane. The healthfulness of this school is noted, and there are more college and university graduates in the faculty than any other High School in the State. There is no hazing, and the boys are in close companionship with the teachers day and night. The half term begins Jan. 1st, 1900.
1-8-00

Lost—A bunch of keys between Hedrick's new store and the courthouse. A tag in the bunch with W. S. Jones, Asheville, N. C., on it, will identify them. Return to this office and get reward.

Go to Geo. Wrights for nice Xmas presents—he has the nicest lot of Rocking Chairs and other presents that has ever been in Salisbury.

FOR SALE—A Flute with Instruction book. Apply to "S." INDEX office.

Advertising is the key to success. We have keys for sale.

ALDERMEN MEET

HOGS TO BE EXCLUDED AFTER MARCH NEXT.

Houses to Be Numbered—\$25,000 Bonds for Sewerage Ordered Sold—Sewerage Contract Authorized—Advisory Board Recommend Purchase of Water Works—Board of Health Report Small-Pox Stamped Out.
At a meeting of the city fathers last night, an ordinance was passed that no hogs be allowed within city limits after March 1, 1900.
An ordinance requiring every occupant of a building in the city to have his residence numbered was adopted. The cost is limited to five cents. Free delivery of mails is anticipated.
Sewerage bonds to the amount of \$25,000 were ordered to be sold and a contract for putting in the sewerage was authorized. It is to be let to the lowest responsible bidder.
The Advisory Committee recommended the purchase of the water works by the city. The recommendation will be acted upon at a subsequent meeting.
The Board of Health reported that there is no small pox in the city—that it has been stamped out.

The Bingham School.

Urgen Lewis Gray, principal of the Bingham school, who is in the city for several days, paid us a pleasant visit this morning.
Five young men from our city and one from the vicinity are students at this school. These young men are Messrs. McCubbins, Crump, Davis, Bean, Bernhardt and Hedrick. Professor Gray speaks in highest terms of them all. They are excellent students and their department exemplary. We congratulate their parents and friends. The professor reports the school very prosperous.

Dolph Mauney Shot.
This morning, near an old grave yard, about one mile from Gold Hill, Mr. Dolph Mauney was shot as he was going to the mine by John Propst, a negro from Concord. We learn through the phone that he was struck on the head, but not seriously wounded. Two physicians from the city, however, were summoned and have gone down to attend his case. The negro is in custody.
LATER: We learn that the negro's object was the robbery of Mr. Mooney.

Died.
At the residence of T. M. Kerns, this morning, of membranous croup, the infant son of W. G. Anderson. The funeral services will be conducted at the house at one o'clock on Saturday by Rev. Dr. J. Rumpel. The interment will take place at Chestnut Hill cemetery at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. Friends of the family are invited to be present at the services.

Card of Thanks.
We return our sincere thanks to our friends and to the people generally for their kind assistance in our sore affliction. We assure all of our appreciation of their sympathy and pray that God may give them all His support when sad trials come to them.
Respectfully,
WM. A. EAGLE AND DAUGHTERS

Kesler Mill Shut Down.
The fuse on the dynamo at the Kesler cotton mill burned out last night, which caused the mill to shut down temporarily. The dynamo was sent to Charlotte this morning to be repaired.

FOR RENT—Eight Room Slate Roof house, with electric wires, sewerage throughout, hot and cold water, North Street, between Church and Main. Apply to
P. H. THOMPSON.

Chestnut Hill News.

Mrs. Bailey Again.
Hon. T. B. Bailey and his most estimable wife have relatives and many friends in this city, who will learn with deep sorrow that the precarious condition of Mrs. Bailey, as stated by THE INDEX yesterday is too true. We take from the Davie Times of yesterday a statement which shows how serious her condition is.
We are sure that many in this city join earnestly in the prayer and hope for her recovery. The Times says:
"Mrs. T. B. Bailey was brought home yesterday from Greensboro, where she has been nursing her children, in a very critical condition. Mr. Bailey and two physicians accompanied her. Her physicians say that she has a well developed case of typhoid fever. Mrs. Bailey has been at the State Normal at Greensboro nursing her two daughters, one of whom died last week, and it is feared by those who are in a position to know that the state of her health is in poor condition to stand a severe attack of typhoid fever on account of the arduous duties and great anxiety imposed upon her during the past month.
"Let us pray and hope for the better and that the dreadful disease may run its course and the life of this exemplary Christian woman be spared to an only child, now on the bed of sickness, to a loving husband, the church, and community. The community will watch for every change in this good woman's condition and hope for that to be for the better."
"Miss Evalyn is still at Greensboro and we are glad to announce that she is now thought to be out of danger, that the disease has run its course and without some unfavorable change that she will be able to be removed to her home in the course of a week or so. A trained nurse with Miss Bertha Lee is with her."

Help From an Unexpected Source.

Now, we have the anomaly of President McKinley, the very apostle of the protective tariff, crying out against trusts and combinations for destroying competition and raising prices to the consumer. We would appreciate his repudiation of his former hobby or his defense of trusts, but his position reminds us of one of Vanes's figures of speech that represented a fellow at the old water wheel mill. He pulled the gate wide open, and when the mill was running at destructive speed he called to the mill fore, that the mill was rushing too fast and things were going to pieces. There was no thought of closing the water gate. Let Congress take off all the tariff on trust goods and we will have less of which to complain. Those utterances from the President were the least to be expected of an entirely sincere. The Atlanta Journal's cartoon well represents "A blow from an unexpected source."—Concord Standard.

Mrs. Williams to New Jersey.

Mrs. Williams who died at Gold Knob 11 days ago today, is at the Salisbury Hardware & Furniture Co., under the care of undertaker Davis. She was sealed in a vault yesterday evening where she will remain 80 days and then be taken to New Jersey where she will be interred.

Rowan Rifles Attention!—Annual Inspection.

You are hereby ordered to assemble at the armory on Saturday Dec. 9th, at 8 p. m. promptly. All must attend this drill.
LOUIS LICHTENSTEIN, Captain.

Mr. Jerome Here.

Hon. T. J. Jerome, of Monroe, was in the city this morning on his way from Raleigh to Albemarle. Mr. Jerome, we learn, is an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for attorney general, and he has many friends in Rowan who will likely be partial to his candidacy.

At the Depot.

Mr. Chas. Tyson, of Norwood, has accepted a position at the freight depot as transfer clerk.

Readers of THE INDEX will serve their interests best by seeing our line before buying Christmas gifts.
Smoot Bros. & Rogers.

New Telephone.

The INDEX has had a new telephone put in its office. The number is 165.

All the swellest neckwear now ready for inspection at Smoot Bros. & Rogers.

Go to Wrights Furniture Store for nice Xmas presents.

A SPEEDY COMPROMISE.

Mrs. Jordan's Compensation With the Railroad for \$3,333.

Last Saturday afternoon poor John Jordan, an employee of the Southern, lost his life under the cars while in the faithful discharge of his duty. His death left a widow and several little orphaned children bereft of their support.
It was through no fault of the unfortunate Jordan that the accident in which he lost his life occurred, and the railroad at once set about making reparation in the only possible way to his family for the deprivation sustained by them.
Today one of the Southern's attorneys met with Messrs. W. G. Watson and D. E. Julian, who acted for Mrs. Jordan and agreed upon a compromise. By the terms of the compromise Mrs. Jordan is to get \$3,350 from the railroad, to be paid at once.
This is probably a happy adjustment of the affair all around, showing, as it does, a disposition on the part of the Southern to deal fairly with Mr. Jordan's widow and children and avoiding her for a long legal struggle.
Mr. D. E. Julian has administered on the estate.

A Great Mistake.

The advocates of imperialism appear to think that when the war is ended in the Philippines, the opposition to the President's policy of colonial conquest will be ended. There never was so great an error. As long as the war lasts there are very many people who will refrain from criticizing the policy from a conviction that it is not patriotic. Many of these, however, are bitterly opposed to "criminal aggression" or "benevolent assimilation," as the President has at different times called his policy.
The time of sharp division will come when the war is over and the question of the policy is to be determined. Are we to keep the Philippines as colonies or are we to let them have an independent free government of their own? The President and Congress will try to evade that direct issue, but it must come. Upon that issue the patriotism and conscience of the country will be with the Democratic party which will favor the policy of giving the Philippines the right of self-government. Mr. Bryan sees that clearly for a recent interview he said:
"I think that the opposition to imperialism will be even stronger when the war is over than it is now. Opposition to a colonial policy is not based upon the idea that it would be impossible to defeat the Filipinos, but on the ground that we cannot afford to abandon the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence. Imperialism substitutes might for right, and recognizes force as the foundation of government, whereas we have always contended that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. If the Bacon resolution had been adopted when it was first introduced and acted upon by the President it would have prevented war."
"If it had been adopted and acted upon at any time during the war it would have ended the war. When the war is over we shall be just where we were before it began and settle the Filipino question according to American principles. I believe we should give the Filipinos independence as soon as a stable government can be established and then protect them from outside interference while they work out their destiny."—News Observer.

The State's Survey.

Lumberton Robesonian, 5th: Reubin Ross will not hang tomorrow. Yesterday afternoon Sheriff McLeod received a telegram from Governor Russell stating that he had been reprieved until January 5th.
Statesville Mascot: Mr. George Craig, who lives near Aquity, had quite a narrow escape from death on Tuesday, Nov. 28th. He had just returned home from Anity, where he had gone for a load of cotton, and was driving under the wagon shed when the mules took fright and tried to run away. The posts were knocked from the shed and the roof fell on Mr. Craig, breaking his nose and giving him several severe bruises on the head. Dr. Cheneault dressed his wounds, and he is now getting on well.

Statesville Mascot: On Thanksgiving day as Mr. R. W. Orr's team was on its way to the brick yard in the fields below his residence a large hawk flew down and viciously attacked the team, then lit in the road and would not budge, but attacked the team again as it approached. The driver dismounted and killed the hawk with a stick, and found that it measured six feet from tip to tip of wings. What was the matter with the bird is a question, possibly he was mad because he missed his Thanksgiving breakfast.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Insomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 28c. at Theo. F. Klutz's drug store.

Beautiful canes and umbrellas in great variety. They are nice for Christmas gifts.
Smoot Bros. & Rogers.

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.

The biggest bargains are to be found at R. J. Holmes' closing out sale. Everything sold strictly at cost.
All the choicest offerings in gloves, hosiery, handkerchiefs, initials, &c., at Smoot Bros. & Rogers.

Late News Notes.

Gen. Wood will become Governor General of Cuba in place of Gen. Brooke.

The Cumberland county dispensary made a net profit last month of \$903.00.
General Young has arrived at Vigan after a hard, but successful fight with the Filipinos.
President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, has joined the Boer forces at the Modder river.
A bill to appropriate \$140,000 for the Nicaraguan canal has been introduced in the House.
Concord is to have her thirteenth cotton mill. The building of cotton mills there means great prosperity for Concord.

A fire in Fayetteville destroyed the Rankin planing works, Wednesday, and a dwelling house also.
Bull Buller, the savage commander-in-chief of John Bull's forces in South Africa, has started for the front.
The British agents in the West have orders to purchase ten thousand mules for their unholy war in South Africa.

The State Treasurer paid out \$62,449 dollars yesterday to pay for the Calidonia farm purchased by the State recently.
The Democratic Executive Committee of this State will meet in Raleigh next Monday. It will be a most important meeting.
Aguinaldo has eluded all those who have been trying to capture him and will keep up the fight, making Cavite his headquarters.

The Senate has received protests from Pennsylvania, Montana and West Virginia against seating Senators Quay, Clark and Scott.
Roberts has issued an address to the American people. He will find that nine tenths of the American people are for the Scriptural people.
Hon. Thos. S. Martin was nominated by the Democratic caucus of the Virginia Legislature last night, to succeed himself in the U. S. Senate.
One Warren, a white man of unknown antecedents, was arrested in Charleston yesterday, under charge of robbing the express near Branchville, a few nights ago.

The House financial measure will be rushed through without much time, only one week, for debate or consideration. The objection of the Democrats will not be regarded.
Roberts still keeps the seat he selected Monday, notwithstanding the resolution adopted forbade him a place. His case was taken up by the committee yesterday, but little progress was made.
The successor of Hayward in the Senate will be appointed by Governor Poynter, of Nebraska. He will appoint ex-Senator Allen or G. M. Hitchcock, editor of the Omaha World-Herald.

James F. Jordan, an old tobacco dealer, denounced the American Tobacco Trust in a speech at the Tobacco Growers' convention in session in Raleigh, Wednesday. He said that the Dukes had robbed the farmers of most of the \$100,000 they had given to Trinity.

Spencer Department.

D. E. Hoover, engineer on the Monroe division, is on the sick list.
W. E. Michaels who recently moved to Spencer from Bagdad, Davidson county, will keep boarders.
Miss Julia Smith, a cousin of W. E. Michael, is making her home with him. Miss Smith has a local ad. in this issue of the Index.
All the members of the Epworth League are requested to meet at Spencer Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of reorganization.
C. F. Shanahan, who was off a month or so undergoing a very difficult operation of skin grafting under the care of Dr. Flippin, has completely recovered from the operation and is at work again.
J. C. Conner, foreman of the painting force of the Southern, has been here for the past two weeks re-painting the Spencer shops. The last point at which Mr. Conner worked before coming here was Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Franklin Stearns, of Richmond, Va., came in last night to join his friend, R. L. Gill, who has been here several days. They will engage in hunting for some days and return to Richmond sometime next week. Mr. Gill was an operator in this city for the Western Union about fourteen years ago. He married J. B. McKenzie's sister while he was stationed here.

D. C. Eagle has quite a lot of nice Christmas candies and says he can put it to his customers' "right."

Go to W. O. Laughlin's market, at Spencer, fronting Climax hotel for fresh beefsteak, porksteak and nice sausage.

The School Laws.

According to the constitution of North Carolina (section 2 of Article IX) the Legislature has control of the public schools. This section of our State constitution was adopted in the year 1868, and every since that time every Legislature had been allowed to exercise the power given by it. No one had ever questioned or doubted it, until our "non-partisan" (but intensely Republican) Supreme court denied that power to the last Democratic Legislature.
And it had not been doubted ever since 1868 that every Legislature had equal control of the public schools, and that one Legislature had as much power as another in controlling them. No Legislature had ever attempted to prevent another Legislature from exercising this constitutional power and control of the public schools, until the notorious Fusion Legislature of 1897 made such an attempt, which has now been consummated by a Fusion Supreme Court.
Until the Fusion Legislature of 1897 met, no previous Legislature had attempted to control the public schools for a longer time than its own term extended. That is, the term of every county board of education was only two years, the same length of time as the term of members of the Legislature. No county board of education ever had a longer term than two years—the same as members of the Legislature—until the Fusion Legislature of 1897 enacted a law that gave the county boards of education, elected under it, a term of three years.
Thus the Fusion Legislature of 1897, in order to secure Fusion control of the public schools, encroached upon the power of the next Legislature. If this could be done, if the Fusion Legislature of 1897 could elect its county boards of education for three years (instead of two years as every previous Legislature had done)—why could it not have elected them for a term of five, ten or even twenty years?