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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 to 750 today.

W. H. Watkins has returned from New York.

R. J. Pickard, of Statesville, is in the city today.

Clara Ritchie, of Bitchfield, was in the city today.

M. L. Barnhardt, of Norwood, was here this morning.

The arc lights are being put up in various parts of town.

A. P. Elliott, of Hickory, registered at the Mt. Vernon last night.

Mrs. Hoffman of this city is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Holshouser, at Concord.

Henry W. Lord, of Baltimore, who has been visiting in the city has returned home.

Morrison Caldwell, of Concord, came in on the Yackin this morning and went to his home.

F. E. Ward, Supt. Salisbury cotton mill, went to Charlotte this morning on business.

Rev. Gerny Weber went to Hickory this morning on church business. He will visit Newton and other points before returning.

Mrs. G. M. Surratt and her mother, Mrs. Buchanan, went to Concord this morning to visit her brother, ex-Sheriff J. L. Buchanan.

Miss Mary Bernhardt, of Salisbury, and Mr. Arthur Reynolds, of Delaware, are spending today at Mr. R. A. Brown's—Concord Standard.

FAITH NEWS.

Change of Lutheran Missionary Sale. Mr. Milas Shuping Very Low.

Lots of people are killing frogs now.

The big missionary sale will be on Saturday the 16th.

J. T. Wyatt has just received another year for street curbing for 2500 feet.

Charlie Roger, of Union settlement, is working here at the carpenter's trade.

Two new houses was started in Faith Monday, and a good many more soon to commence.

The Lutherans have changed their missionary sale to the last Saturday before Christmas.

Mr. Milas Shuping, an aged citizen near Faith, is very low at his home, and is not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Peeler, Esq., have just moved across the big road into their handsome new residence here.

Six young ladies are preparing a nice dialogue for the day of the missionary sale of the Lutheran church the 23rd.

Mr. Paul Barger and Alex Frick, has the contract to put up a residence for John Stirewalt, who will move to Faith to live.

The Lutheran Synod.

The called session of the E. L. church meets with the Lutheran church in this city on the 19th, inst. The business before it will be chiefly the decision of the N. C. College matter. It is an auspicious fact for the friends of locating the institution here that the called meeting assembles here. It is not known how much has been subscribed to locate it here nor how much at any other place, but many things point to Salisbury as the place. We congratulate our Lutheran friends in advance. It will greatly help their church. We congratulate the city. It will add materially to the city's business and prosperity.

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

Routine Business Transacted and Many Orders Passed—An Additional Payment to Nicholas Ittner, Making in All \$4,500 for Repairs and Additions on the Courthouse.

The board of County Commissioners met at the Court House yesterday, Dec. 11, according to adjournment. Present, J. F. McCubbins, chairman, P. D. Linn, Sanford Henly, P. P. Maroney, and W. A. Honeck. The following proceedings were had:

Ordered that John Livengood be allowed \$5 out of the funds for the poor to assist in the support of himself and family.

Ordered that Glimetene Brady be allowed \$5 out of the fund for the poor, the same being for house rent and fire wood for Mary Jane Morgan for 3 months, ending Dec. 4, 1899.

Ordered that J. F. McCubbins, P. D. Linn, and P. P. Maroney be and they are hereby appointed a Finance Committee for the ensuing year. They are also appointed to be present at the accounting and settling of the County School Board of the taxes for the year 1899 and 1900 between the Sheriff and County Treasurer—also to settle all the accounts of the county with the County Treasurer and all other county officers.

Ordered that the tax assessed against J. O. Crosby on a tract of land in Salisbury township, known as the Brick Yard lot, for the year 1899 be remitted for the reason that he had sold said lot to one R. A. Brown, who rented it and paid the taxes on it.

Ordered that the Cooleemee Cotton Mills or the Cooleemee Water Power Company be authorized to build a toll bridge across the river at the Cooleemee Cotton Mills.

J. A. Hudson, representing the citizens of Franklin Township came before the Board and asked that a bridge be built across South River at or near Ford and Lindsay's mill. No action was taken.

Ordered that Nicholas Ittner be paid \$2,000 more on the additions and repairs being made to the Court House, which when paid will make a net payment of \$4,500 for said additions and repairs.

Ordered that Edwin Cuthrell be paid \$10.35 out of the funds for the poor, the same being for medicines used at the County home.

Missionary Sale.

The annual sale of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Luke's Reformed church, in Providence Township, will take place at the church on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10 a. m. Let everybody come.

There will be a series of gospel sermons at this church also, to begin on Wednesday Dec. 27, and to continue over the 3rd Sunday, with communion on Sunday. Rev. A. Shulenberg is expected to assist the pastor, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. Possibly other ministers will be present to assist.

Asheville Citizen: The drop in the mercury gave the delegates to the Baptist convention a bracing welcome, aside from that given by the people of Asheville. Yesterday morning about 4 o'clock, according to the report of Petrolman Garrison who keeps one eye on the thermometer at Dr. Smith's drug store, the mercury marked 12 degrees above. At the same hour this morning the showing was 30 degrees. The sun has been "on full duty all along, making the "finest living weather."

For a stove below cost go to see House, Stoudermire & Co.

Go to Wrights Furniture Store for nice Xmas presents.

Norfolk selected opsters at Jackson's market daily.

Go to Jackson's market for nice meats.

House, Stoudermire & Co., are offering everything in the furniture line at almost your own price.

The biggest bargains are to be found at R. J. Holmes' closing out sale. Everything sold strictly at cost.

For cedar posts and dry wood, go to Sloan's wood yard.

CAPT. STOWE REPLIES.

He Believes that Competition is the Life of Trade.

To the Editor of the Observer:

In the Semi-Weekly Observer of December 5th, I notice a communication from "Inquirer," which I must quote to enable your readers to understand my reply.

"I would like to ask Mr. H. D. Stowe to give the facts and figures to prove his statement in Friday's Observer, that during the last 18 months trusts have been formed without number, until today we find every article of household use controlled by trusts and combinations, and by comparing prices of 1899 as against those of 1898 we find an advance of from 50 to 150 per cent. on every household necessity. What I should like especially to see is a list of 'household necessities' with 1899 prices and 1898 prices put side by side.

"I would also like to ask Mr. Stowe to state how much more he is getting for farm products in 1899. A comparative statement showing the difference would be interesting. I think I would like, too, to know whether Mr. Stowe believes that competition is the life of trade; whether he thinks he would be better off if he paid various concerns a large profit in order to have what is known by the high sounding title of competition or whether he would not be about as well off if he paid the same profit to a trust.

"And while I am asking questions, I would like to know whether Mr. Stowe regards the Southern Railway trust as an evil; also whether he remembers who had the bill killed that Hon. C. B. Watson introduced in the North Carolina Legislature some years ago, regulating the American Tobacco Company's operations in this State; also whether he remembers what party once denounced protection as the thing of all that made trusts, yet abandoned the policy of tariff reform and went off courting Populists and singing 16 to 1 without the consent of any other nation. Then, in case anybody is to be hanged for aiding and abetting trusts, who would be most likely to stretch hemp first?

"I ask these questions for information. I have tried to be an intelligent voter. I sincerely desire light. Will Mr. Stowe give me some of what Ajax prayed for, especially as to the matters and things above mentioned, and very much obliged. INQUIRER."

As the trust question is one of vital importance, which should be thoroughly ventilated, I hope the space necessary to give me a hearing will not be wholly wasted. The following is a clipping which will explain itself:

HOW TRUSTS HAVE RAISED PRICES.

"The first open defense of trusts has been made by Hanna in the Ohio campaign. And it has been answered by a protest from thousands of the best people of the State.

"At a meeting in Cincinnati Saturday night the traveling salesmen of the city adopted resolutions denouncing Hannaism and trusts.

"The dispatch says: 'Every wholesale jobbing house which sells to the city trade was represented by one or more men. Of the total of 140 city salesmen, a large majority were present. In selling goods to the retail stores of the city, local salesmen have had bitter occasion to rue the existence of trusts. Those affecting the staple commodities, used every household of necessity have caused prices to rise steadily for the past year. The work of the salesmen has therefore been made harder, while in no instance have their salaries been increased, proportional to the extra work involved, and the increased expense of maintaining their families. The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, during the last eighteen months trusts have been formed without number until today we find every article of household use controlled by trusts and combinations; and

"Whereas, By comparing prices of 1899 as against those of 1898 we find an advance of from 50 to 150 per cent. in every household necessity; and

"Whereas, The Hon. Marcus A. Hanna, the political godfather of the Republican party, takes great pleasure in declaring trusts a good thing; therefore,

"Resolved, We denounce the Republican party as the mother of trusts, and pledge our best efforts to defeat Hannaism at the polls on November 5, 1899."

The following table of prices shows how the necessities of life have risen in price as a result of the trusts

Articles.	1898.	1899.
Clothes baskets, doz.	\$6.50	\$9.00
Brooms.	1.75	2.25
One-gallon galvanized oil cans, doz.	1.35	1.85
Canned peaches, doz.	.90	1.45
Sardines, case.	2.50	4.00
Salmon, doz.	1.35	1.80
Canned beans, doz.	.75	1.25
Canned corn, doz.	.30	1.05
Canned peas, doz.	.75	1.00
Canned kraut, doz.	.70	1.00
Carpet tacks, gross.	1.50	2.75
Cheese, pound.	.09	.13
Wire clothes lines, per doz.	.90	1.75
Roller oats, barrel.	3.25	4.80
Matches, case.	.50	.75
Galvanized buckets, doz.	1.10	2.25
Lead pencils, gross.	.75	1.35
Pickles, barrel.	.25	.60
Pocket knives, doz.	.85	1.25
Salt barrel.	.75	1.10
Laundry soap, box.	.35	2.85
Starch, pound.	.02	.04
Syrup, gallon.	.17	.30
Tapicoes, pound.	.08	.07
Stogies, thousand.	7.50	10.50
Tubs, doz.	2.50	6.75
Washboards, doz.	1.40	2.25
Spices, pound.	.12	.18
Canned beef, doz.	2.40	2.45

"This table shows the exact prices at which these things were selling at Cincinnati a year ago, and what they are selling at now. This is no campaign document.

"It is conclusive evidence that the trusts, besides stamping out competition, have raised prices."

The trust evil is a national one. With trust prices prevailing everywhere and as no one has denied the advance in prices claimed in the above list of household necessities, I accepted it as true and claiming an advance in prices from 50 to 150 per cent. I used the same figures and almost the identical language employed in this Ohio meeting.

"Inquirer" asks if I believe that competition is the life of trade? I do. When the small competitor was allowed a chance the price of a case of matches was \$4.50. The trust demands \$7.50, \$3 added. A bar of nails cost \$2; now it is \$5. Kead wire was 2 cents a pound; now it is 5 cents. Rolled oats per barrel was \$3.25; now it is \$4.80. Flours were 2 cents a pound; now the price is 5 cents. The list of advanced prices could be extended indefinitely if space would permit.

Yes, sir, I believe in competition. Give the small competitor a chance and let the law of supply and demand regulate prices. It is true that these huge organizations could manufacture products cheaper than the small competitor, but their greed will not allow them to do it. The first thing they do is to crush the small competitor and get him out of the way and then put up prices as high as they think the people will bear, and this is the benefit the consumer derives by being in the hands of a trust, whose greed is limited only by the forbearance of the people.

I am no politician, and if space permitted I have no desire to discuss all the questions propounded by "Inquirer," mostly on State and national issues, especially the silver question and the tariff question. These questions are too big for me to tackle. I leave them for older hands.

In conclusion, I will say that I will not answer further questions from an unknown correspondent.

H. D. STOWE.

Simmon Bidge, Dec. 6, 1899.

Insulting Text Books.

A writer in the Catholic News says it might be well for the "Metropolitan Truth Society" to give its attention to the text books put into the hands of Catholic children in some of our non-sectarian schools, calling particular attention to one in use at the present time in the girls' high school in this city. The belief is expressed that when the attention of the publishing firm of Maynard, Merrill & Co. is called to the matter which gives offense, their sense of propriety will lead them to have all objectionable matter expunged from the work. The claim is that Roman Catholic doctrine is misrepresented. They object to an explanation given on "Indulgences." To sum up the whole matter, they want to put mutilated histories in the public schools. They want Roman Catholic teachers in the public schools, and

in every respect to put them on the same plane as the parochial schools.

The sale of indulgences was used of God to bring about the Reformation, to which we are indebted today for civil and religious liberty. The infamous John Tetzel was sent out armed with full power by Leo X. to sell indulgences. Luther refused to accept their legality, and complained to his bishop. The bishop advised him to keep quiet or he would get into trouble. But Luther did not keep quiet. He nailed his ninety-five propositions to the door of the church in Wittenberg, and offered to defend them by argument. Justification by faith alone, which was borne in on Luther when he happened to open a copy of the monastery and read in it: "The just shall live by faith." That was the seed of the glorious Reformation.

In Dr. Dens' "Theology" this question is asked:

"What is an indulgence?"

"It is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins remitted, as to their guilt made by the power of the keys, apart from the sacrament, by the application of satisfaction which are contained in the treasury of the Church."

"What is meant by the treasury of the Church?"

"It is an accumulation of spiritual blessings remaining in divine acceptance, and whose disposition is intrusted to the Church."

In other words, all the goodness of the devout and faithful ones, over and above what is necessary for their own salvation, is stored up and sold out to those who run short or who are willing to pay for transgressions, either past, present, or to come.

But, we have digressed in order to show what Roman Theology has to say with reference to indulgences. We do not for a moment suppose that the objector, in the case of text-books, would like this definition from the notorious Dr. Dens to be placed before the pupils. Nor can he deny that indulgences are granted at the present time. What does he call the offer made by Leo XIII. for the year 1900? Those who make a pilgrimage to Rome, and those who cannot do so but who visit shrines or churches, say so many prayers, and of course make offerings, that is understood, will be forgiven for the entire year, and all without knowing what heinous crimes some of those pilgrims may commit within the year of grace 1900.

Our object in bringing the matter of the text-book before our readers, that they may look for an attempt, through the agency of the Metropolitan Truth Society, to force all histories that are distasteful to Rome out of the public schools. With Tammany in the saddle in Greater New York we need to be vigilant. The first attempt to tamper with the education of the American youth, should be met in a manner calculated to show that, on that question there is no doubt about Americans being on guard.—Primitive Catholic.

THE WEATHER.

The weather forecast:

Fair and colder.

All pork sausage at Jackson's. Try them.

N. C. Baptist State Convention.

Rev. M. E. Parrish, who attended the N. C. Baptist State Convention returned to the city yesterday. Mr. Parrish confirmed all the good accounts given in the papers of the great success of the convention. It was a most harmonious, earnest and aggressive session.

Prior to last year there were two conventions of white missionary Baptists in North Carolina—the State convention including all the churches east of the Blue Ridge and a few beyond and the Western convention of the churches in ten counties west of the ridge. Last December at Greenville they united and the session at Asheville is the first since the union.

The enlarged work decided upon was carried out fully and successfully. Over \$52,000 were raised for all the objects of the convention. No backward step was taken; but a greater work has been planned for next year. There were many good speeches; but Dr. Kerfort of the Louisville Seminary and Dr. Willingham, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, made great and eloquent addresses.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution against Robert, the polygamist. Raleigh and Burlington asked for the next session. Raleigh won by a large majority.

The hospitality of the mountain city was like the city, lovely and magnificent. Mr. Parrish enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Hon. Locke Craige.

Baptist ministers filled all the pulpits in the city Sunday and Sunday night. Mr. Parrish preached at night in Dr. Waver's church, the Central Methodist Episcopal.

To Charlotte.

Rev. Dr. Rumble went to Charlotte this morning to attend a meeting of the Directors of Barium Springs Orphanage of which he is a member. Amongst other matters of importance pertaining to the institution, officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The Doctor will return this evening.

In Great Need.

It will be seen in the account of the proceedings of the County Commissioners that \$5 was allowed to John Livengood out of the poor fund. Mr. Livengood and his family have been sick for a long time and are in very destitute circumstances and are real worthy objects of charity. Only one son is able to work, and he can earn only \$3 per week.

The family needs looking after. He occupies a house on Church street, near the cordage mill.

Mr. Ward Dead.

Mr. Ward, living near Mr. C. W. Windsor's, on Shiny Hill, died last night, no one knowing it at the time. His wife, who was in the bed with him, did not discover it until this morning. Mr. Ward was very poor and has been sick for some time. The charitable and noble fraternity, the I. O. O. F. has been supplying his needs.

Observer's New Foreman.

Mr. Warren G. Brown, an old acquaintance from High Point, paid us a pleasant visit this morning as he stopped over a little while on his way to Charlotte, whether he is going to assume the foremanship of the Observer's job department.

Mr. Brown is a good type. He was formerly one of the proprietors of the Enterprise. Success to him.

Runaway This Morning.

There was a runaway on the street this morning. Mr. E. K. James' team became excited near the post office and ran around the square to the stable. No damage was done.

Spencer Department.

Mrs. W. M. Johnson is on the sick list.

Mr. A. C. Winders, of Franklin, dined at W. M. Koon's Saturday.

Mrs. C. E. Fesperman spent Saturday with her sister Mrs. Guss Klutz.

One of the machinists at the shops gave up his position yesterday evening.

G. C. Jackson, who has been slightly indisposed for several days, we are glad to note is much better today.

There was quite a pleasant sociable at Mr. W. B. Hill's residence Saturday night. All present report a nice time.

Our "toothpuller" must have some very hard cases, as we noticed that his engine for pulling teeth had broken down.

Mrs. Charles Trexler spent a few happy hours Saturday night with the Misses Koon. Several nice selections of music were rendered by the young ladies and their visitor. Mrs. Trexler reports as having spent a delightful evening.

BURNING THE WIND.

To Charlotte in 50 Minutes; Yet on Side Track at China Grove for a Freight to Pass.

Last night Dr. Stokes, of the Whitehead-McKenzie Sanatorium, received a message from Dr. Graham, of Charlotte, requesting him to go to that city as speedily as possible. He took a special train and reached Charlotte in fifty minutes from the time he left the depot here, although the special was side tracked at China Grove for a freight to pass. The distance is forty-four miles. The actual running time was a fraction over a mile a minute. That beats the wind, even as it blew last night.

The Eastern M. E. LAM.

This body of earnest progressive Christians met at Washington in the extreme east last Wednesday. Bishop Hendrix presided. The Methodists divided their conference some years ago and now have two large aggressive bodies. Our readers are familiar with the doings of the Western conference, recently held at Concord. It was a great meeting; but the accounts from the Eastern show that it was fully as great. The Methodist people are live, zealous, active, aggressive and push their work as rapidly as work can be pushed. A very happy incident occurred at Washington, when Dr. C. M. Payne, of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the conference. Dr. Payne made an eloquent and humorous speech, in which he complimented the Methodist brethren for their wonderful system, and especially praised the presiding eldership. The bishop with a twinkle of the eye said: "I am looking for a new presiding elder" when everybody laughed at Dr. Payne's expense, but in a flash came back the retort from Dr. Payne: "I may fall from grace" when the laugh was turned the other way. The Dr. closed by saying: "I was in in the Confederate army (and I am not ashamed of it). When the cavalry was ordered to the rear we knew that trouble was over. I have never seen the Methodist cavalry in the rear. Go on brethren, I will try to lag along behind." Dr. Lafferty of Richmond captured all hearers, as Dr. Payne had done before him. Many great speeches were made and eloquent sermons preached. The pulpits of the town were filled by the ministers Sunday.

Miss Julia Smith, is at the residence of W. E. Michaels, Spencer, and is prepared to do all kinds of sewing, needlework, etc.

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